

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

## Sober Message

NOTHING in a presidential election year could be less vote-catching than President Eisenhower's State of the Union message delivered to Congress yesterday. It promises a balanced budget, but no tax reliefs, and it seeks approval for a long-term spending programme to combat Communism and its evil influences in the Middle East and Asia. Rapturous reaction from the nation is hardly to be expected.

Overseas, however, the message will be studied with deep appreciation. Many will see in the request for Congress to grant limited powers for annual foreign aid appropriations as a return to the Marshall Plan policy of bolstering the vulnerable parts of the world against Communism—a policy which has found decreasing favour with Congress.

President Eisenhower is going to have no easy task in winning congressional approval for what is generally regarded as a novel and precedent-creating proposal. American legislators have been reluctant to authorise any President to make financial commitments for more than one year, and they are likely to be even more reluctant to endorse such a long-term plan applicable to the Middle East and Asia.

In any objective appraisal of the President's proposal, few will deny that it is based on a sound appreciation of the best methods of keeping Communism at bay in the more susceptible areas of the world. If it is accepted that economic aid helps more than anything else to render Communism unnecessary to the peoples of the under-developed regions, then that aid must be constant and must be based on a long-term plan. Of the Western powers, only the United States is in a position to apply such an assistance programme. It is asking a great deal from one country, yet the alternative—refusal to assume such a responsibility—may spell great danger to the free world.

To the peoples of the Middle East and Asia who are confronted in varying degrees with the spectre of externally-imposed Communism, President Eisenhower's message to the nation is a message of hope. But whether their hopes are turned into despair depends on the US Congress.

The domestic features of the President's message reveal Mr Eisenhower as a realist. He has spurned heavy political pressure for tax reliefs, being determined to consolidate the country's all-time record prosperity into a balanced budget and a reduction of the national debt. And in the long run this may do the Republican Party more good than anything else, for the solid mass of Americans will probably come to realise that the President is a sound economist as well as an astute politician. The free world certainly warmly welcomes the President's message.

## ★ HISTORY IN PICTURES ★

These events made history in Hongkong last year: tomorrow the China Mail publishes a two-page spread of pictures of some of the memorable occasions of 1955.

Don't miss this special highlight in tomorrow's feature-packed week-end edition of the China Mail. A page of the week's news in pictures including the New Year's festivities will be published as well.

Watch out also for the first in our new series: "Seven Murders Are Walking Free", a startling fact-not-fiction story by Valentine Dyal.

Here are some other top-line features also to be published:

- ★ Another new series: "All in a doctor's day" by Cedric Carne.
- ★ Advice from a GP's notebook.
- ★ Sefton Delmer, well-known British foreign correspondent, gives his predictions for 1956.
- ★ The Umbles wonder — a world's strangest story by John Murdoch.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films, a section for women, another for children, two pages of sports news and views, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles — and Giles — all in the China Mail.

US Government Officials To Re-Examine China Trade Ban  
CAN EMBARGO BE RELAXED?

## BRITISH PM'S REQUEST

Washington, Jan. 5. A British proposal to relax allied trade embargoes against the Chinese Communists is being re-examined by the United States Government officials in preparation for this month's conference between President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister.

Britain has been pressing for the adoption of less stringent rules to be applied to trade with the Soviet Union and the Soviet bloc in Europe.

But officials here said it was unlikely that the United States would agree even to consider a revision of the present embargo against China, until a general political settlement between Peking and Washington had been reached.

## EMBARGO—WHY

They pointed out that relaxing the embargo would amount to surrendering a major bargaining point in negotiations between United States and Chinese Communist representatives in Geneva.

They also said the restrictions initially imposed as a result of China's intervention in Korea, should not be relaxed until there was a final settlement there and some agreement on the status of Formosa.

The United States maintains a major trade embargo against Communist mainland China and the allied nations for strategic exports but permit non-strategic trade.

The British proposal is based on the fact that the non-strategic list applying to trade with the Soviet Union is much larger than the list agreed upon for China.—Reuter.

## Big Mau Mau Gang Trapped In Swamp

Nairobi, Jan. 5. Security forces encircled a gang of about 60 Mau Mau terrorists today in a swamp near Nanyasha.

It was likely the capture of the terrorists may take some time, because the troops are making slow progress through the tangled undergrowth as they tighten the circle.

The terrorists have made several attempts to break out, but fire from machine guns, mortars, and even a helicopter armed with machine-guns, has kept them within the ring.

Parachute flares are keeping the swamps brilliantly lit at night to prevent any escape. It is the first time that operation Bulrush has led out of the forests into the Rift Valley. It is believed the gang left the forests because of numerous kills and captures made there by the security troops.—United Press.

## A 'Queen' For More Than 50 Years



Here is a recent picture of Miss Inghet, queen of the Paris music-hall for more than 50 years, who died yesterday.

Among the many admirers of this fascinating personality were four kings.

She never retired from the stage, even though she was said to be 20 years older than the Eiffel Tower.

The secret of her age, however, died with her.

## MOSCOW PAPER RETURNS

Moscow, Jan. 5. Moscow News, the Soviet Government's official English language newspaper, was on sale today for the first time since it was closed down six years ago.

Its reappearance was prematurely announced yesterday and copies sold today bore yesterday's date. No explanation was offered for the 24-hour delay.

The right paper carried New Year greetings from English speaking countries and articles on general and Soviet affairs.

An editorial on the topic of "Peace" stated: "Any attempts at antagonists of peaceful co-existence and co-operation may make to push into the background and stifle the Geneva spirit and Bandung programme (the Afro-Asian conference held in Indonesia last April) are doomed to failure."

Moscow News was closed down in 1949, when its founder, Anna Louise Strong, an American journalist, was arrested and expelled from Russia on charges of being an American spy.

She was fully pardoned by a Government decree last March, when it was said she was falsely accused by Lavrenti Beria, the Soviet Security Chief executed in 1953.—Reuter.

## BOAC Seek New Routes In US

Washington, Jan. 5. Evidence accumulated today that the Civil Aeronautics Board would grant British Overseas Airways Corporation's requests for three new routes in the United States by the end of the month, according to officials here.

BOAC requested an extension of its London-New York route to San Francisco so as to connect with an air service to Australia and eventually a BOAC round-the-world service which would extend from Tokyo to San Francisco; also an extension of its London-Boston route to Detroit and permission to inaugurate a direct New York air route to Nassau in the Bahamas.—United Press.

## TRAFALGAR TO BE REFOUGHT

London, Jan. 5. Earl Nelson, great-great-grand-nephew of Britain's sea hero, Admiral Lord Nelson, is to "refight the Battle of Trafalgar" in Parliament soon.

He will "refight" the 1805 battle to obtain compensation from the State for the termination nearly five years ago of the Nelson family pension.

Lord Nelson, aged 65, the sixth member of the family to hold

## Science Finds A Cold Clue To The Problem Of Radiation

London, Jan. 5. British scientists have found the germ of an answer to one of mankind's most pressing problems: how can human beings be protected against the dangers of radiation.

A team, working under Mr A. S. Parkes at the National Institute for Medical Research and the Radiophysics Research Unit in London have discovered that extreme cold cuts down the damaging effect of radiation.

They took the reproductive organs of rats and cooled them to 79 degrees below zero centigrade, then bombarded them with 3,300 rontgens of X-rays.

When the animal tissue was restored to room temperature, they discovered that it was still possible to treat other tissue on to it, and that the damage was comparatively small.

Tissue of the same kind, bombarded the same way at ordinary temperatures, was all but destroyed.

The problem now is to discover what changes low temperatures bring about and how this knowledge can be applied.—London Express Service.

## Girl Rescues Horse

Manchester, Jan. 5. A 17-year-old girl jumped into the icy waters of a canal near here today and wrestled with a horse for over an hour before she could guide it to safety.

The girl, Gloria Pooler, a groom at riding stables, was riding with a party of children when Cherry, a ten-year-old chestnut gelding, became startled, threw its rider and then toppled down the steep bank of the Bridgewater Canal.

"Both of us were shivering with cold when we got out," said Gloria afterwards.

For Cherry, the cure was half a bottle of brandy. For Gloria, hot tea and a fire.—China Mail Special.

## Selwyn Lloyd To Attend Seato Talks

London, Jan. 5. Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, will represent Britain at the second meeting of the Council of the eight-nation Southeast Asian Defence alliance at Karachi on March 6, it was announced today.

A Foreign Office statement said: "The purpose of the meeting will be to review the work of the treaty organization since the inaugural meeting of the Council at Bangkok in February 1955, and to consider future activities."

"There will be also an opportunity for a general exchange of views on matters affecting the peace and security of the treaty area."

The members of the Seato are Britain, France, United States, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines, but the treaty area also covers South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, has announced that he will attend the Karachi meeting.—Reuter.

## BRITISH BID TO COUNTER RUSSIA IN MIDDLE EAST

London, Jan. 5. British ministers and diplomats tonight completed a critical appraisal of Western policy for countering the Soviet drive in the Middle East in readiness for Sir Anthony Eden's forthcoming talks with President Eisenhower.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the new Foreign Secretary, who will accompany the Prime Minister to Washington later this month, presided over the two-day "stock taking" conference at the Foreign Office.

The eight senior British envoys, hurriedly recalled for the meeting from capitals in the new area of the East-West struggle for influence, will begin flying back to their posts tomorrow.

The talks were secret. But it is believed in diplomatic circles that they served to underline Britain's disposition to drop for the time being its efforts to bring about Arab states into the Baghdad pact as a means of countering Russian penetration of the Middle East.

## AMERICA'S POSITION

Britain's attempt to persuade Jordan to join the "northern tier" defence grouping of herself, Turkey, Iraq, Pakistan and Persia produced a Government crisis in Amman and widespread rioting in the country.

The Government here would still like to see the United States join the alliance, but diplomatic quarters think it unlikely that Washington will take any final decision before the Presidential election in November.

Mr Lloyd and the British envoys today made a searching review of the impact of the recent Czechoslovak-Egyptian arms deal on the Arab-Israeli situation. It is understood.

This gave them little hope for the achievement of any early peace settlement between the two sides, a cardinal aim of Anglo-American policy and which both countries have been pursuing in delicate diplomatic contacts in various capitals.

This, and the West dilemma over the arms race encouraged by the Communist shipments to Egypt are expected to be among the most important aspects of the Eisenhower-Eden talks.

## NILE DAM REPORT

The British diplomats today discussed the report made yesterday by Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, Ambassador to Egypt, on the Cairo Government's objections to the Western finance plan for the construction of the giant Aswan Dam project on the upper Nile.

Egypt is understood to be holding out against the terms stipulated by the World Bank for financing the second phase of the building programme and to be asking for a bigger Anglo-American contribution in the first three-year period. The present Anglo-American offer totals \$70,000,000.

The construction of the dam is now a big objective of Western policy in meeting the Soviet

## Britain's Atomic Power Station

London, Jan. 5. Britain's first atomic power station is to be opened by Queen Elizabeth on October 17, it was announced here today. When completed, the power station—capable of producing 92 megawatts—will be the most powerful in the world.

It is to be linked up with the British countrywide electricity distributing grid system.

The new power station is at Calder Hall, County Durham.—France-Press.

present holder of the title died.

Lord Nelson said: "The original Nelson Acts said the pension could not be varied by any monarch or Parliament."

Lord Nelson is expected to raise the issue of compensation in the House of Lords while supporters sit, questions about it in the Commons.—China Mail Special.

## Wedding In April For Grace Kelly

Philadelphia, Jan. 5. The marriage between Prince Rainier III of Monaco and Hollywood film star Grace Kelly is to take place in April this year, it was learned today from circles close to Miss Kelly's family.

It was understood that the marriage date might be changed if Miss Kelly had not finished the picture she is to start filming in Hollywood shortly, by April.

Reports reaching here from Miss Kelly's Hollywood studios said the marriage would take place either in New York or in Philadelphia. These reports added that Miss Kelly would return to Hollywood after her marriage to film "The Designing Woman" with James Stewart.

Grace Kelly, today lovingly held the arm of her real life prince as she talked about love, marriage and her future home in the tiny principality on the Mediterranean.

## THE RING

They faced more than 100 reporters, photographers and newsreel men in the Kelly's Philadelphia home, a few hours after the announcement of their engagement.

It was the fairy tale climax to a romance which started in Monaco when Miss Kelly was attending the Cannes film festival last March.

Her engagement ring, which she proudly displayed to a packed press conference, comprised a band of diamonds interlocked with a band of rubies to make up Monaco's national colours.

Prince Rainier, speaking easily in English, admitted that the ring was in his pocket when he arrived in the United States, ostensibly for a medical check-up three weeks ago.

The actress blushed slightly when someone asked how many children she wanted to have. Before she could reply, her mother, Mrs John B. Kelly, said: "I love children and I hope I will have a lot of grandchildren."

After her marriage Miss Kelly will still retain American citizenship. Asked how she felt about living in Monaco and adoring the idea of "living there," —France-Press and Reuter.

## A BOUQUET

Monaco, Jan. 5. The Mayor of Monaco, M. Robert Bohn, today telegraphed a bouquet of red and white flowers — Monaco's national colours — to Miss Grace Kelly today.—Reuter.

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## SMOKE HAZE OVER HK

A foggy haze enveloped the Harbour early this morning — but caused no inconvenience to normal shipping or airline schedules.

The forecaster at the Meteorological Station said it was merely the smoke from Kowloon and Hongkong that had not been dispersed because of absence of wind today.

Visibility at Wai Tan and Cheungshan is eight miles — slightly below the normal 10-mile range. But the weather is clear.

He stated that the haze will be lifted by freshening north-easterly winds, expected later this afternoon.

## THICK FOG COVERS ENGLAND

## It May Be The Worst One On Record

London, Jan. 5. The fog belt which tonight blankets almost three-quarters of England tying up road, rail and air traffic, may prove to be the worst on record, the Automobile Association said tonight.

Traffic is completely paralysed over the whole of Greater London region, it reported.

The Association's report came soon after weather experts at the Air Ministry had predicted "fog is likely to go on for another 24 hours."

## TRAINS COLLIDE

An Association spokesman said tonight "we can never recall an occasion, not even during the great smog in December 1952, (when 4,000 people died) when traffic has been so completely paralysed, particularly in London region."

Visibility was cut to as little as five yards by fog.

Two electric passenger trains were in collision during the dense fog at Chatham in Kent, about 30 miles east of London.

A spokesman of the southern region of British Railways said that no passengers were injured. Damage to the trains was only slight, he added.—China Mail Special.

## Tengku In Ceylon

Colombo, Jan. 5. The Chief Minister of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman arrived today en route to London for talks aimed at achieving independence for Malaya.

He had breakfast with the Ceylon Premier, Sir John Kotelawala and discussed with him his strategy for the London conferences.—United Press.



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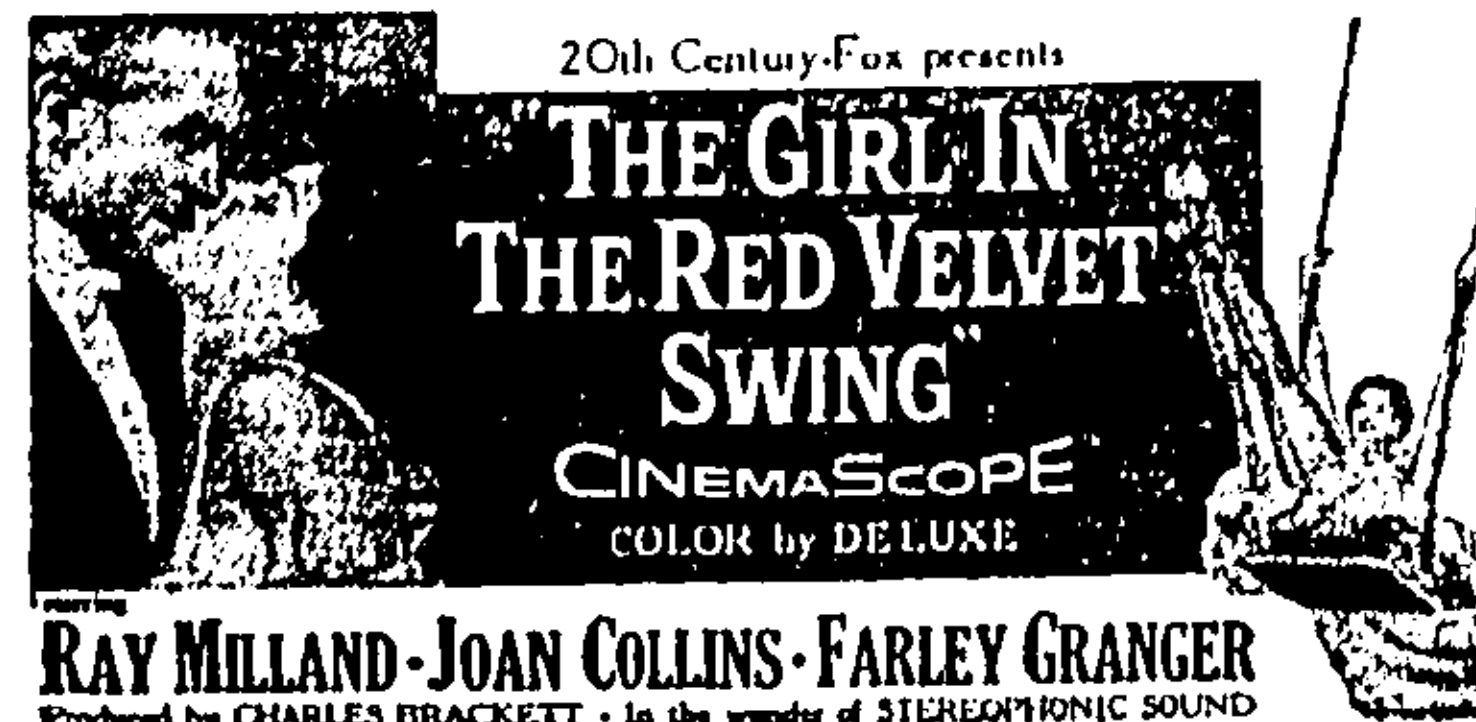
— NEXT CHANGE —

HEDY LAMARR as HELEN OF TROY in

"THE FACE  
THAT LAUNCHED  
A THOUSAND SHIPS"

ROBERT BEATTY MASSIMO SERATO

## ROYAL BROADWAY

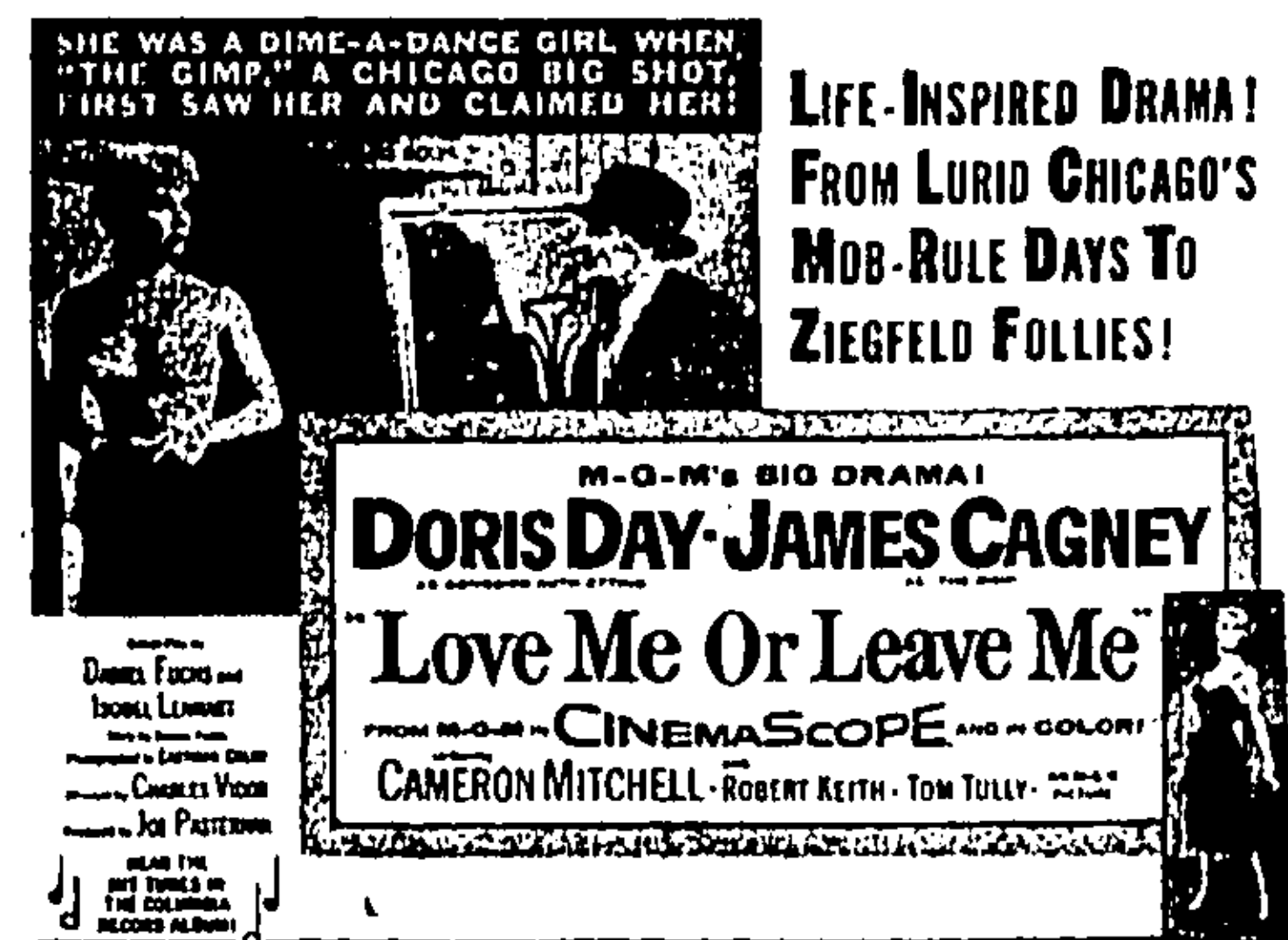
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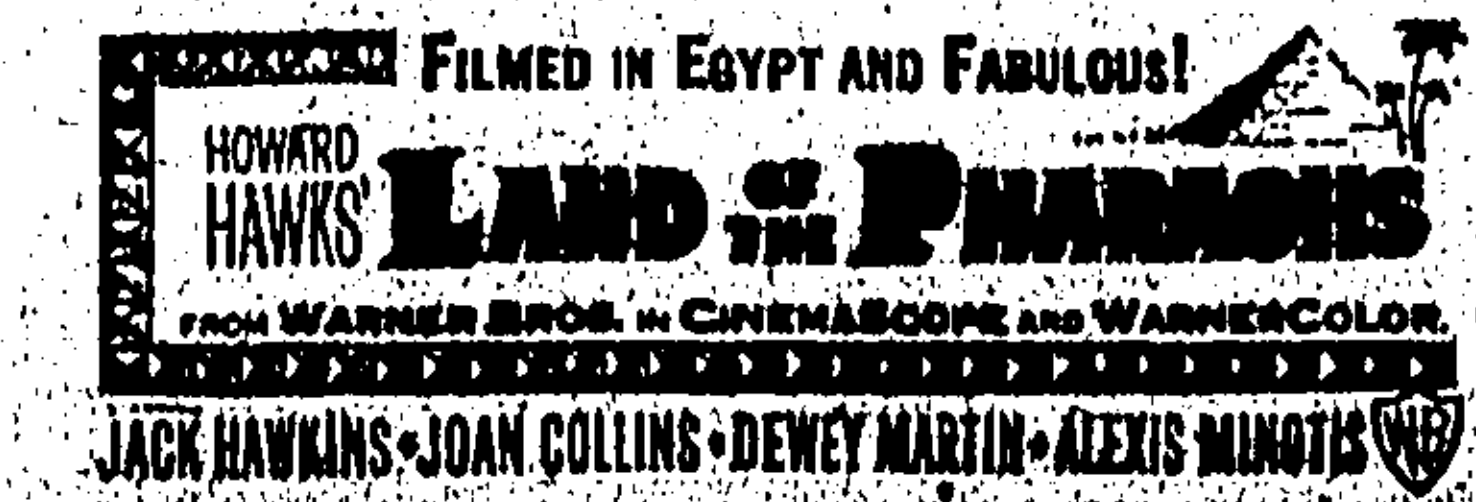
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S. KOREAN ATTACKS JAPANESE  
ALIGNMENT  
WITH CHINA

United Nations, Jan. 5.

Colonel Ben C. Limb, South Korean representative to the United Nations, said today that Japan's "alignment" with China and North Korea "through commercial and fishing interests" was a potential threat to the freedom of the Republic of Korea.

In a statement on relations between South Korea and Japan made today, Col Limb said:

"One of the major concerns of the Republic of Korea is to settle the points at issue between Korea and Japan and to restore normal relations between the two countries."

"Since October, 1951," the statement continued, "three conferences were held. The last conference was abruptly broken off when Japanese representatives, on October 22, 1953, made a claim to 85 per cent of all fixed property assets in Korea, and even demanded that the Korean Government make restitution for war damages inflicted on such property."

## An Insult

"Mr. Kanichiro Kubota, chief Japanese delegate, also stated that the establishment of the Republic of Korea under the auspices of the United Nations was illegal since it took place before the Japanese peace treaty."

Colonel Limb went on: "Japan has so far refused to withdraw the Kubota statement which the Republic of Korea considers nonsense and an insult."

"The second point at issue is that the security and fisheries line between the two nations be jointly observed," Col Limb stated.

"Japan's recalcitrant attitude in assuring the just treatment of Korean residents in Japan and her refusal to negotiate the release of Koreans held at the notorious Omura concentration camp, is another point at issue," he continued.

"The Republic of Korea finds Japan's constant refusal of every Korean effort at a peaceful settlement and the current indications of Japan's alignment with Red China and the Northern Korean puppet regime through commercial and fishing

interests a source of serious concern and a potential threat to her freedom."

## Solution Essential

The statement concluded: "The Republic of Korea considers a solution of the problems between the two countries essential to the economic development and to the political and military security of both countries."

"Korea continues to work for the restoration of normal relations, knowing full well how far this would go to strengthen the position of the free world in Asia in view of the continued aggressive aims of communism,"—France-Press.

FOG LIFTS OVER  
NEW YORK AREA

Chicago, Jan. 5.

A pea-soup fog which blinded New York and New England for two days lifted today, ending transport jams on city streets, at airports and in the harbours.

The murky shroud disappeared about midnight in New York City, some 12 hours before the Weather Bureau forecast that the sun would break through.

In Long Island, a woman drove her car onto the Long Island railway tracks in the mistaken belief that she was taking the Pulaski road. She thought it was a bumpy ride as she rolled along. Then she heard a train whistle and scrambled out minutes before the engine ploughed into her car.

## Rain Slackened

Rain slackened in the Far West today after pounding Northern California, Washington and Oregon. But a new storm brewing in the Gulf of Alaska was expected to blow in with rain and snow tomorrow.

The latest storms soaked coastal Oregon with up to six inches of rain. Seattle, Washington, reported more rain in the first three days of 1956—2.13 inches—that it got in all of January 1955.

To the East, a new cold wave moved across the Canadian border and forecasters predicted zero temperatures, high winds and snow for a wide area.—United Press.

Police Swim  
To Get  
Their Man

Dundee, Notal, Jan. 6.

Three officers of the South African police swam the Buffalo River at midnight to arrest an African wanted for assault.

The African had hurried down the opposite side of a river at a constable who tracked him down during daylight. Then he armed himself with an axe, barricaded himself in his hut, and shouted that he would die rather than surrender.

Under cover of darkness Head-Constable J. H. Schoeman, Constable J. W. Bothma and Constable C. Maseko swam the river and took the wanted man by surprise. — China Mail Special.

## MAJESTIC

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THE LEFT HAND OF GOD

HOWARD HAWKS

JACK HAWKINS-JOAN COLLINS-DEWEY MARTIN-ALEXIS MINOTIS



The deaf can now use the telephone, thanks to an invention produced in Munich. This is a new-style ear-piece (pictured here) which transmits the conversation from the telephone by means of an instrument in the wearer's pocket.—Express Photo.

BENGALI BANK  
CLERKS  
WALK OUT

Calcutta, Jan. 5.

Ten thousand West Bengal bank clerks tonight attended a rally protesting against the arrest this morning of 14 leaders of the Bank Employees Union.

Some of the leaders were arrested by the police in dawn raids.

The bank employees have called for a one-day token strike for tomorrow.

Employees of two banks walked out into the streets and protested outside their banks when news of the arrests was known.

The Government announced that armed police would guard the banks tomorrow to prevent violence.—France-Press.

French Envoy  
To Moscow  
Arrives

Moscow, Jan. 5.

M. Maurice Dejean, one-time French Ambassador to Japan, arrived in Moscow today to take up his post of French Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

M. Dejean, who replaced M. Louis Joxe—now accredited to Bonn—was met at Moscow airport by the head of protocol at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Mr. Fedor Malochkov, and members of the French Embassy staff.—France-Press.

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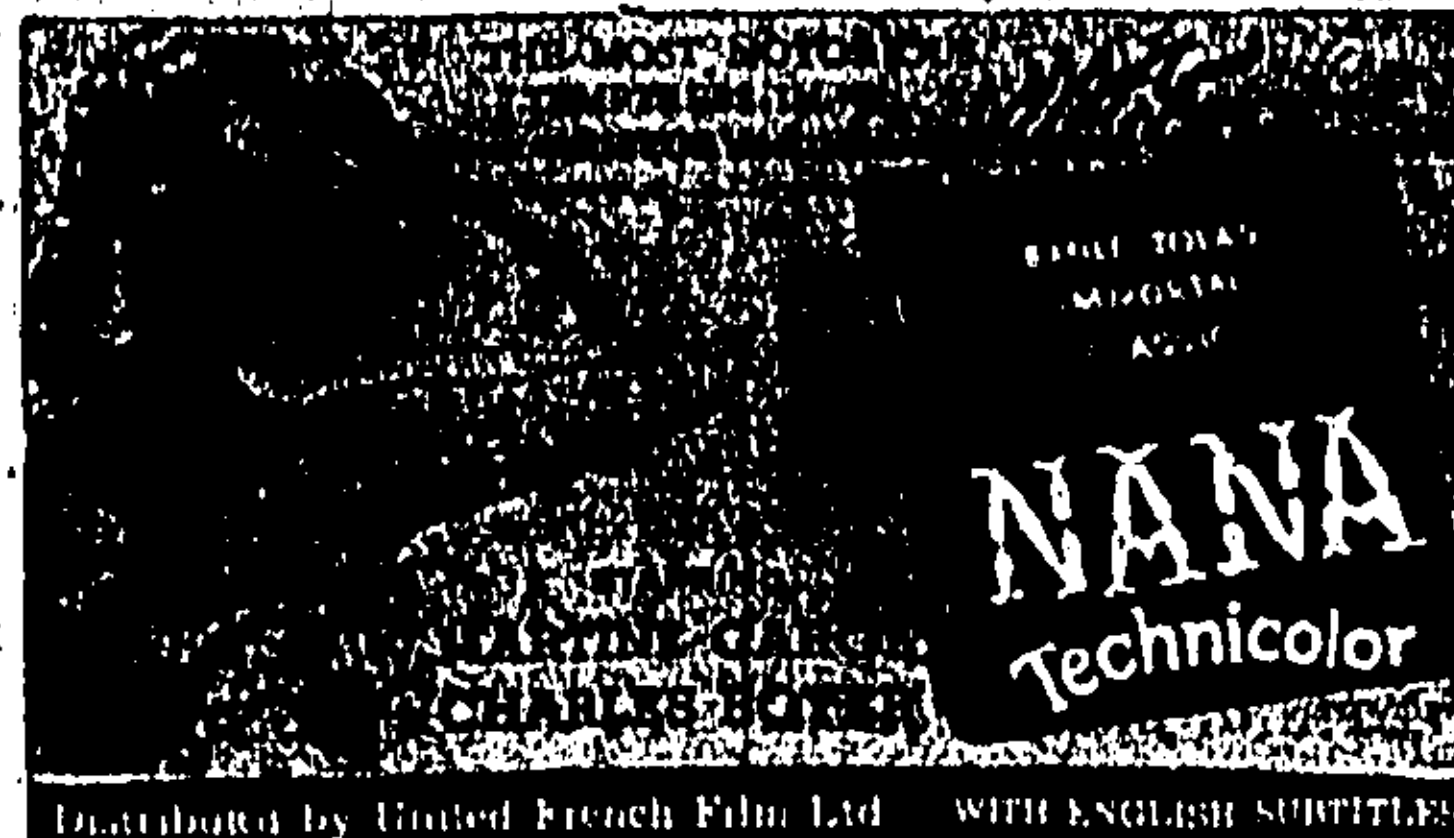
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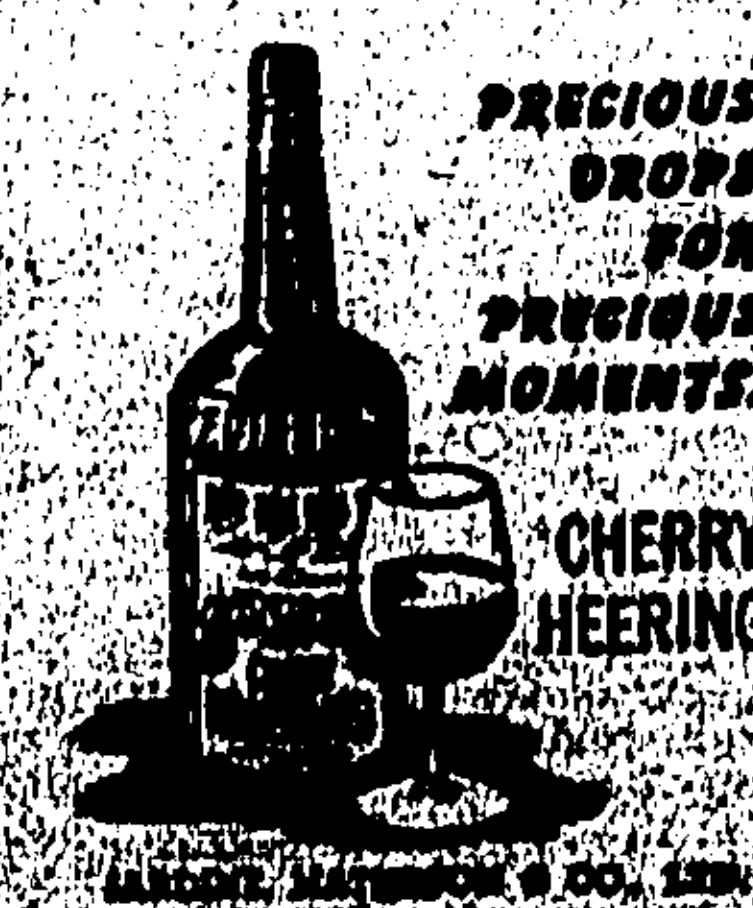
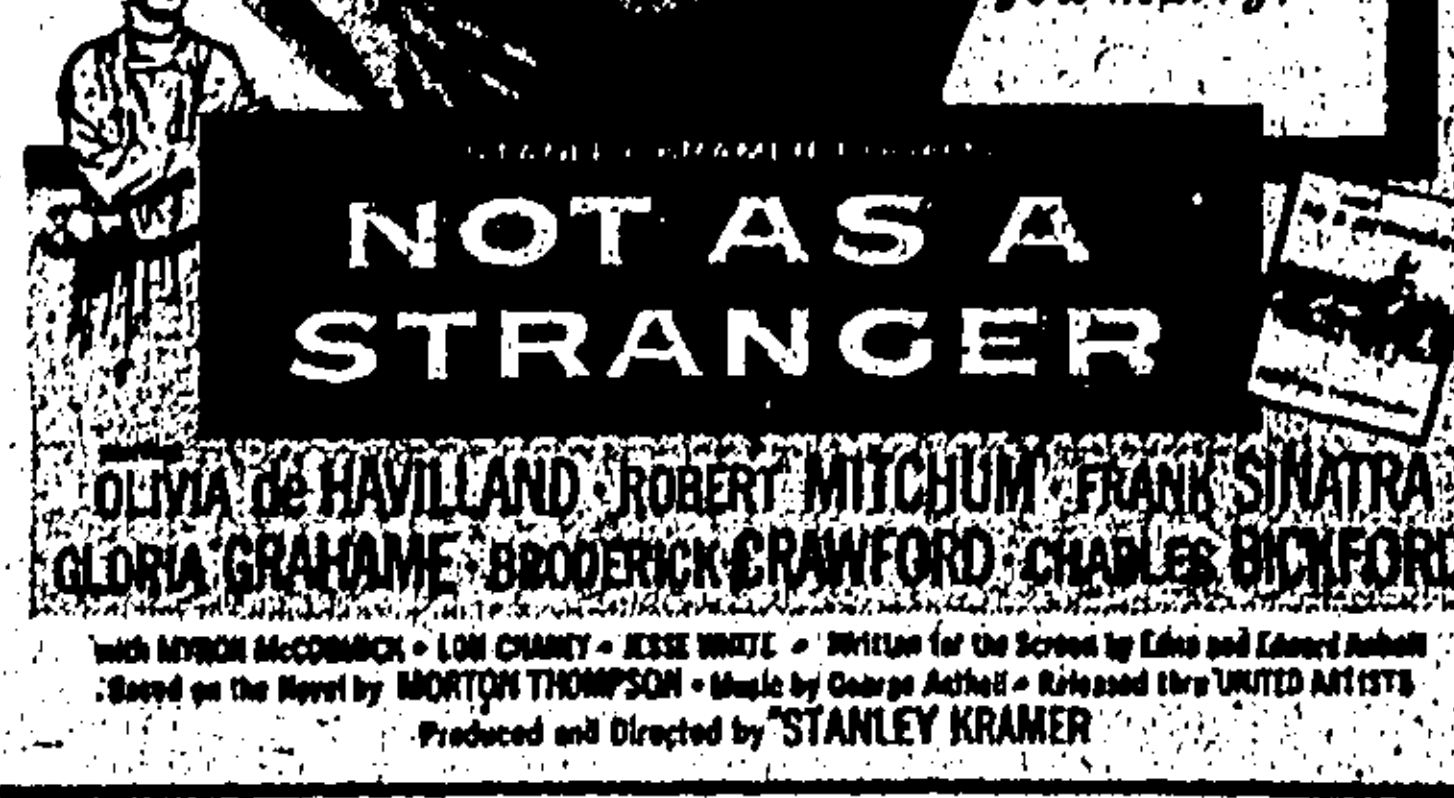
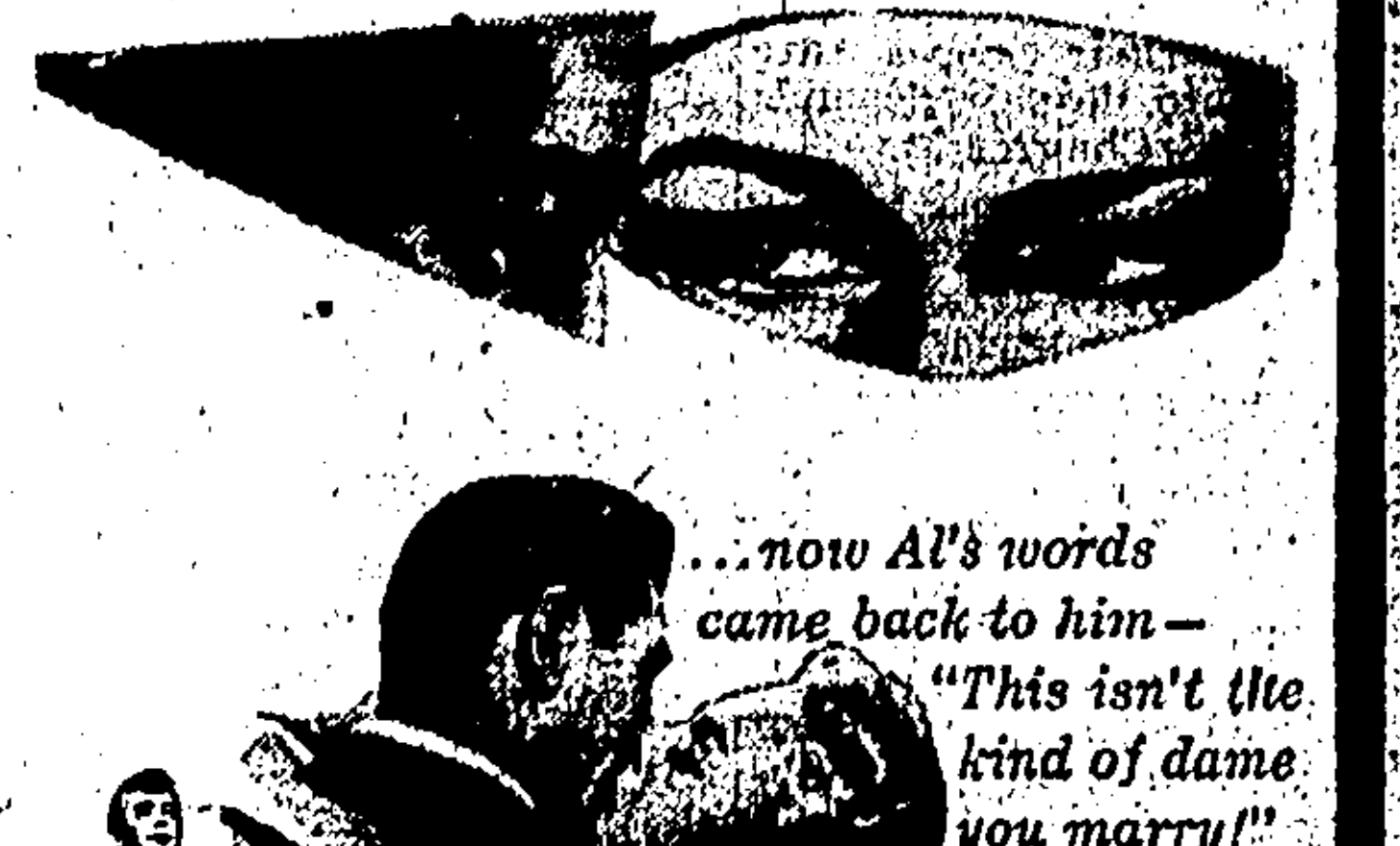
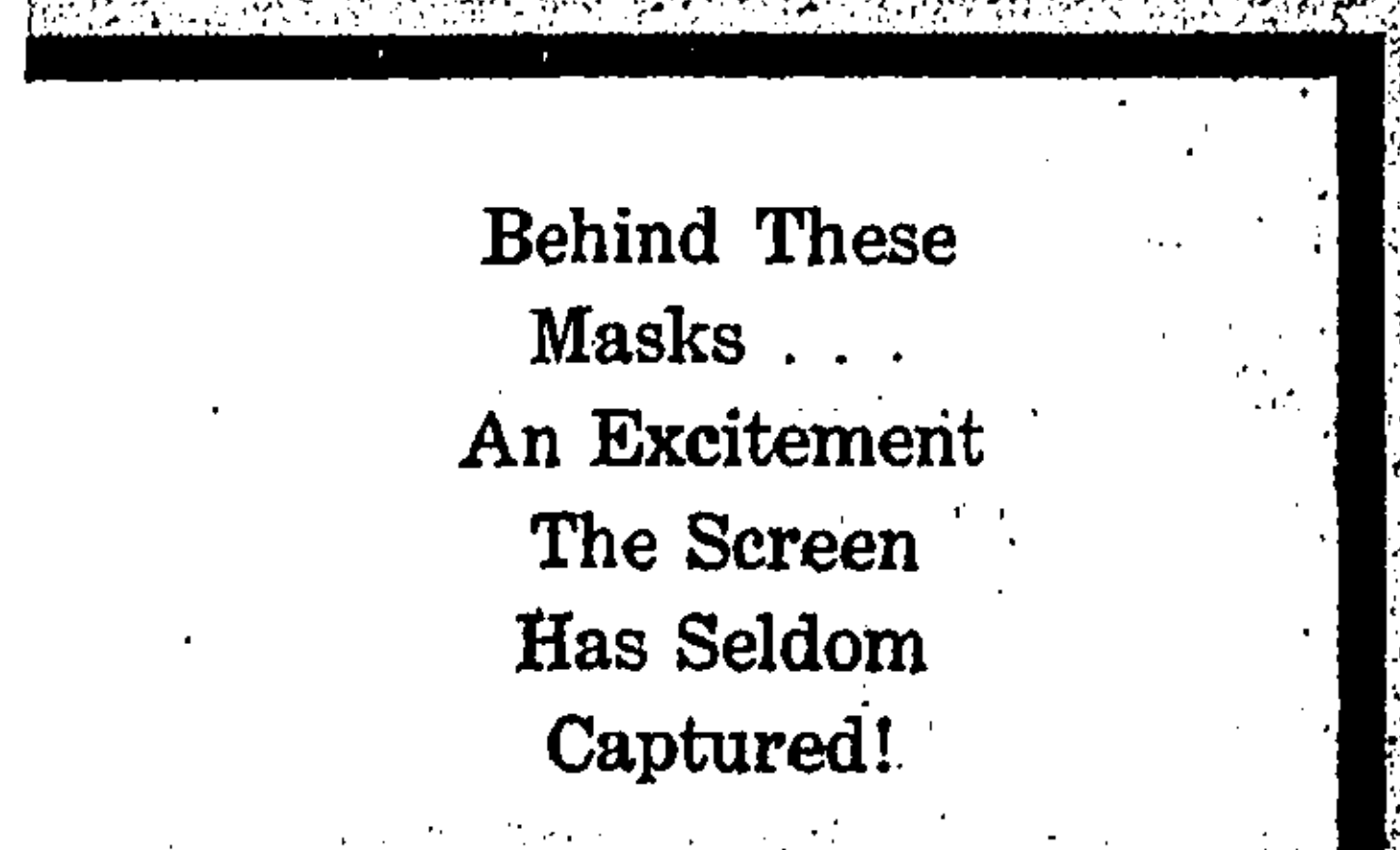
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# Both Parties Split Over Ike's Foreign Policy

## China Seeks More Aid From Europe

Berlin, Jan. 5. CHINA is seeking greater economic and military aid from Eastern European countries to help in industrialising China and modernising its army, Chinese diplomatic sources in East Berlin revealed today.

The sources said that the aid is being sought by the Chinese delegation headed by Marshal Chu Teh, now on a visit to East Germany. The delegation will also explore the possibility of sending larger numbers of Chinese students, technicians and engineers to be trained in modern technology in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

**Train Cadets**  
Marshal Chu Teh will discuss the question of training Chinese air and naval cadets in East European countries. At present about 250 Chinese naval cadets are being trained in the Polish navy. Meanwhile, an East Berlin source said that a group of high-ranking East German People's Police officials would soon visit Peking to exchange experiences and study the working systems of their Chinese counterparts.

## Dulles Confers On Foreign Affairs

Washington, Jan. 5. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, conferred for two hours today with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on problems around the world.

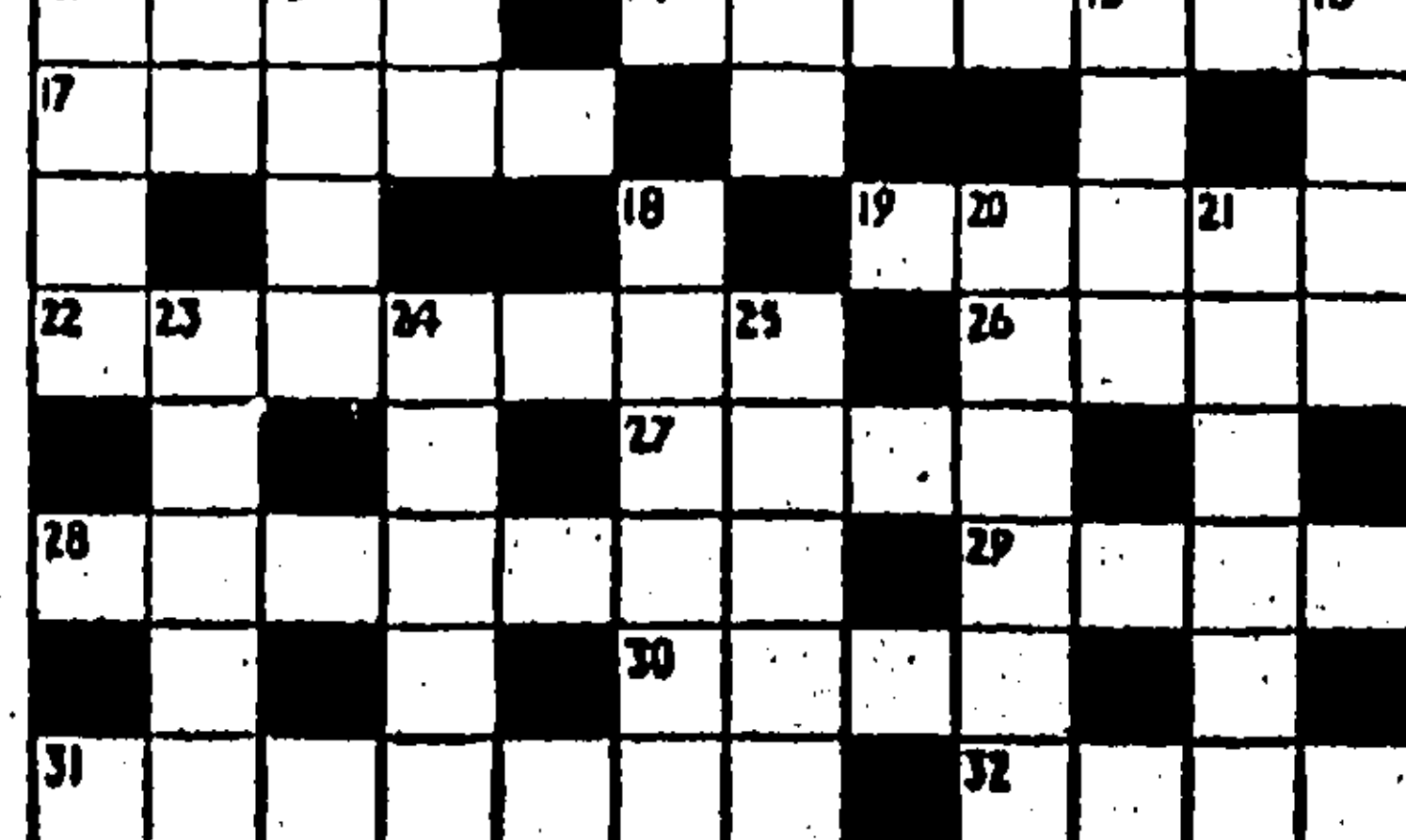
The conference was held in private session and was Mr Dulles' first appearance before Congress in the second session of the 84th Congress which began on Tuesday.

Mr Dulles told reporters after the meeting "we covered the waterfront, discussed problems all around the world in our talk."

**Declined**  
Mr Dulles declined to answer specific questions about the subjects brought up at the meeting but before he went inside he said that he intended to have with the Congressional representatives "a roundup of the world including France."

Mr James Richards (Democrat), the committee chairman, was also guarded in his response to reporters' questions after the meeting. Mr Richards said only "We had very exhaustive discussions about problems around the world and Mr Dulles answered questions very frankly."

**A British Crossword Puzzle**



**ACROSS**  
1 Declines (4).  
4 Rouses (oneself) (7).  
8 Relate (7).  
9 Tune (4).  
10 Sincere (7).  
11 Tom (4).  
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**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Medlar, 5 Roach, 6 Meter, 9 Assail, 10 Vital, 11 Dones, 12 Used, 13 Roast, 15 Assent, 18 Spruce, 20 Stear, 22 Clap, 23 Reiter, 25 Bogus, 26 Contre, 27 State, 28 Shoes, 29 Blacks, Down: 1 Monstrous, 2 Dispire, 3 Amia, 4 Release, 5 Reverse, 6 Orison, 7 Crum, 14 Athletic, 15 Tipples, 16 Arrests, 17 Selects, 18 Foruse, 21 Tooth, 24 Rese.

## AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR AID WILL CAUSE MAIN DISPUTES

Washington, Jan. 5.

Democrats and Republicans appeared split today over President Eisenhower's foreign policy programme, as they were on almost all other aspects of the President's State of the Union message.

While most Congressional reaction centred on the controversies over the Administration's domestic policies, some Senators and Congressmen expressed themselves on foreign policy matters as well.

## Is Shishakly Preparing Comeback?



Ex-Pres. Shishakly

Beirut, Jan. 5. Lieut-Col Adee Shishakly, former President of Syria, was reported today to have arrived secretly from his Paris exile in an unidentified Arab country, possibly in connection with plans to seize power in Syria again.

Informed sources emphasised that the Arab country, where Shishakly is now reported to be living up support, is not the Lebanon.

The sources said Shishakly's hopes to return to power increased considerably after the recent Israeli attack on Syrian positions along the Sea of Galilee.

The attack brought demonstrations in Damascus hailing Shishakly, under whose rule the Israelis did not dare to attack Syria.

The sources also said that Shishakly's brother, former army Captain Salah Shishakly, disappeared from his Beirut refuge last week following Syrian demands that the Lebanon hand him over on charges of disturbing Lebanese-Syrian relations.

United Press.

Their reaction indicated that, although there is substantial bipartisan support for the Administration's foreign policy objectives, disputes are likely to arise over the question of how much money ought to be spent in the pursuit of these objectives.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Walter George, said he would oppose any increase in foreign spending this year.

### Further Ahead

Representative John Vorys, leading Republican of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, recalled that he had already recommended that the economic aid programme should be planned further ahead than a year at a time.

"It is apparent that now the President has that in mind also, in his idea for long-term planning on foreign aid," he said.

Some Republicans such as Mr William Jenner of Indiana, member of the conservative wing of the party, may also oppose expanded spending. Mr Jenner was generally critical of President Eisenhower's overall foreign policy statement, explaining that he could not share the President's "optimism" about foreign affairs, Mr Jenner added.

### Shared Sentiment

"All of our resolutions, as a nation, to deal firmly with the Communist aggressors have been washed down the drain of continuing appeasement. I regret deeply that the President has not warned us more of the tremendous strides that the Soviets have made."

The House Democratic leader, Mr John McCormack, shared Mr Jenner's sentiment.

## SUBJECT TO DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT

"To those of us who have attempted to co-operate with this Administration in matters affecting the national interest, the political overtones of this message are the subject of deep disappointment and great regret," said Senator Johnson.

### General Approval

Key Congressmen in both parties said the President's message did not close the door to a possible tax cut later this year. Some informed Administration sources agreed.

Republicans generally hailed the message as assuring a continuation of the "peace and prosperity" which has become the Republican theme song. Democrats for the most part termed it a weak repetition of Democratic policies and a bow to big business.

There was general approval in both parties, however, for the President's assurance of a balanced budget and his call for a "modest" reduction in the National Debt before cutting taxes.

Reaction to other points in the message:

★ **Farm**—spotty comment generally favourable to "soil bank" proposal, Rep. H. Carl Anderson, formerly a sharp critic of administration farm policies, said the "bank" plan had "brought new hope to the 22,000,000 people living on our farms."

★ **Foreign policy**—Rep. John Vorys said proposals for a long-range foreign economic programme "attested generally with his ideas and those of Rep. James Richards, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee."

★ **Military**—general support for call for continued strong military set-up, Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, promised prompt consideration to proposals for more

"It is my opinion that the world conditions do not justify such optimism," said Mr McCormack.

Senator William Purtell (Republican), on the other hand, hailed the President's message as a "general blueprint of responsible leadership for continuing peace, progress and prosperity."

The House Republican leader, Mr Joseph Martin, said the President's message presented "a reasonable estimate of our needs, a reasonable approach to the problems before us, and a reasonable solution to these problems."

"Once again the President reveals his leadership for the good of all Americans—all free men and women everywhere," said Mr Martin.

Senator Wayne Morse (Democrat, Oregon) said: "Claims are made for the achievements of the Administration's foreign policy that do not accord with the facts."

### Political Overtones

Senator Morse said: "The interests of the free world in recent months have suffered many unnecessary setbacks." He said the message "merely promises more of the same."

The Senate Democratic leader, Mr Lyndon Johnson, criticised what he called the "political overtones" in the message.

He also said that neither the domestic nor foreign situation was as rosy as indicated and the Administration was becoming "frantic" about the farm crisis in this election year.

Mr Johnson's statement was released after it had been read to and approved by the nine-member Senate Democratic Policy Committee.



Wired Cyprus Restaurants

Customers at a restaurant in Nicosia shown enjoying their drinks under the shadow of steel mesh, erected as a precautionary measure against bomb outrages. Move was dictated by Cyprus authorities, who have withdrawn all "in bounds" licences until wire netting is put up at restaurants and bars serving British customers. Meanwhile, statements on the situation in the strife-torn island have been issued both by Governor Sir John Harding and Archbishop Makarios, leader of the "Union with Greece" movement. Said Sir John, broadcasting a New Year's Day warning to the terrorist organisation EOKA: "I warn EOKA, here and now, that their days are numbered. The net is slowly but surely closing around them." On the other hand, Archbishop Makarios had said earlier: "The British Government has recognised the existence of a problem calling for a fair and honourable solution. I personally consider the Cyprus problem to be solved."—Express Photo.

## Dutch-Indonesian Talks Progress

Geneva, Jan. 5.

The Dutch and Indonesian ministerial conference, which is meeting in closed session here to try and solve the deadlock over future economic relations between the two countries, made some progress today, it was learned.

Following this afternoon's 3½ hour meeting, it was announced that both the technical committees—the legal committee and the financial and economic committee—would meet again tomorrow morning.

Earlier, these committees reached complete deadlock over the question of guarantees for Dutch investments and capital in Indonesia and ceased meeting.

Yesterday, the first plenary ministerial session was held and the fact that the technical committees are now to recommence meeting is taken as a sign of progress.

It was also announced that the Dutch and Indonesian ministers would meet again tomorrow when the technical committees had finished.

### Main Point

Main point at issue between the two sides is the Dutch request for international guarantees for Dutch investments in Indonesia, the transfer of profits and the question of Indonesia's debt to the Netherlands. The two delegations are led respectively by Mr Joseph M. A. H. Luns, Netherlands Minister without Portfolio, and Ide Anak Agung Gde Agung, Indonesian Foreign Minister.—Reuters.

## French-Spanish Morocco Conference

Rabat, Jan. 5. M. Andre Louis, Deputy French Resident General in Morocco, will meet General Rafael Garcia Valdivia, the High Commissioner for Spanish Morocco, next Tuesday, it was officially announced here tonight.

The meeting, officially designated as a courtesy visit, will take place in the Spanish zone near the border of the French zone. The French authorities in Morocco are known to be anxious to obtain close co-operation with the Spanish in stamping out the Rif rebellion. French intelligence reports say that the rebels are armed and supplied through the Spanish zone.—Reuters.

## Too Much Money For Youths

London, Jan. 5. The headmaster of a British school has suggested that the high wages of youths caused rowdiness and said there should be a special tax or compulsory savings scheme for boys under 21.

The headmaster, Mr R. D. Robinson, was speaking at the annual meeting of the Incorporated Association of Headmasters about a study of youth made by the Council of King George's Jubilee Fund.

He said the trouble was that these rowdies had from £5 to £7 sterling a week pocket money. This was "high wages with a low volume of responsibility," he added. China Mail Special.

## BRAZIL NOT ASKED TO MEDIATE

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 5. The Foreign Ministry today denied Brazil had ever been asked to mediate the Portuguese-Indian dispute over Goa.

Officials said there never was any question of Brazil's mediating and reports Brazil has refused must have been based on a misunderstanding.

Officials explained that Portugal asked Brazil to represent her interests for Portuguese residents of Bombay and elsewhere. They said India accepted this arrangement and, while there have been delays in settling the Brazilian consular request in Bombay, that understanding is still to effect—Reuters.

## EDEN PRAISES ADENAUER ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

Bonn, Jan. 6.

Sir Anthony Eden today hailed Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German octogenarian Chancellor, as the principal author of West Germany's policy of tightening relation with the rest of Western Europe.

The British Prime Minister's words of praise were in a filmed interview he gave for the West German television network to mark Dr Adenauer's 80th birthday yesterday but which has not yet been shown here because Britain's fog prevented the film being flown here.

In the film Sir Anthony Eden assured Germany that Britain would continue her efforts for German reunification until a solution to the problem was found.

"Dr Adenauer occupies an honoured place among Western statesmen," he said. "Under his guidance the German Federal Republic has been built up into a prosperous democracy. Its voice is heard as that of an equal in the Western European Union and the North Atlantic Organisation."

### Closer Relations

"The Federal Government has worked to bring their people into ever closer relations with Western Europe. Dr Adenauer has been the principal author of this policy and we thank him and salute him for it."

"Unhappily ten years after the war Germany is still divided. In the Soviet zone there are 17,000,000 Germans separated from their countrymen and even from their families. No one has worked harder than the Chancellor on this problem, a peaceful settlement of which is vital for the future of Europe and of the world."

"I can assure him and the German people once again that we in the United Kingdom will continue all our efforts until such a solution has been found for the unity of all Germany."

In Bonn, Dr Adenauer shook hands and received presents for nearly seven hours as well as wishes came to pay their respects.

He looked pale but still fit at the end of the long day. The only sign that he might be feeling strain was that towards evening he invited more and more of them to sit down with him for a while.

### Present Of Lion

Among presents he received was a six-month-old lion, given to him by the Bavarian section of his Christian

Democratic Party. He stroked it and christened it "Konny" after himself.

It will go to the Bonn Zoo after spending the day in his official residence here.

### Go Easily

Crowds of Germans lined the streets to cheer as Dr Adenauer, who has been their leader since 1949, drove to the Chancellery to receive the good wishes of his colleagues, friends and members of his family including five of his 14 grandchildren.

The Chancellor, replying to a greeting by Dr Franz Blucher, the Vice-Chancellor, who has advised Dr Adenauer to "go more easily" in future, said: "You have given me good advice and I shall try to follow it and I hope we shall all retain full health so that our German people can achieve unity and freedom and resume its role in Europe and the world."—Reuters.

## Red Outlaw Killed In Greece

Athens, Jan. 5.

A top-ranking Communist outlaw, Demetrios Glyktridis, with a price of 16,000 drachmas (nearly £200) on his head, was ambushed and killed by a gendarmic patrol in Porto Garmeno, 40 miles west of Athens.

Police had been seeking Glyktridis for years when they received information that he was hiding in Porto Garmeno. Day and night patrols were started in the locality.

The gendarmes fired upon the outlaw when he refused to surrender after being challenged by a patrol.—China Mail Special.



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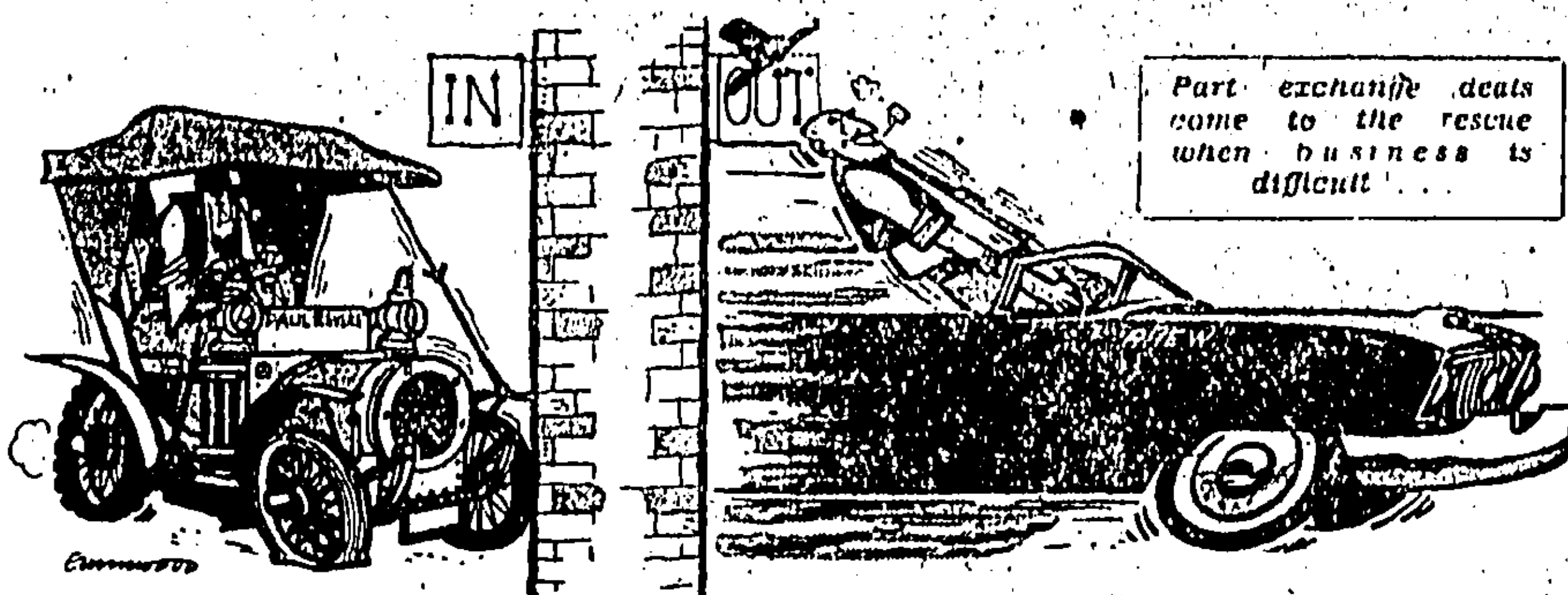
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# IS AMERICA'S BOOM ABOUT TO EXPLODE?

by BERNARD HARRIS

TWO friends of mine were strolling along Third Avenue, New York, last week. In a car showroom they saw a gleaming new Cadillac priced at \$5,000.

They went inside and asked the salesman how much he would take for the car.

"Four thousand," he replied without hesitation. Then he added: "It's yours for fifty down."

So for \$50 just under £18—my friends could have driven off in the latest model of the "car of cars"—the Rolls-Royce of America.

That Cadillac story is no isolated episode. It is typical of what is happening in car showrooms all over America.

And it is a danger: the danger of trade recession and unemployment not only across the Atlantic but in Britain as well.

Last year the American car factories enjoyed their biggest boom, with output soaring to a never-before 8,000,000 cars. But now, as the Cadillac story shows, the auto boom is beginning to run out of gas.

## Over-produced

CARS are being over-produced. To get rid of them dealers are offering them, as they say "regardless."

They are slashing their own profits.

They are stepping up allowances for used cars which traded in part-exchange.

Finally—and this is the most serious feature of all—they are offering "easy credit" terms which are easier than anything known before.

Families whose income suggests they should be content with a good used model are being bulldozed by high-pressure salesmanship into acquiring a brand-new machine.

So today six out of every 10 cars sold in the U.S. are on the "never never."

That wouldn't matter so much if it were confined to motor-cars.

But other industries, despite the sunny economic climate in the U.S., are beginning to run into unsold stock.

They too are having to make it easier for the customer to buy. Among them are the household equipment makers.

More than half their output—ranging from refrigerators to washing machines, toasters to vacuum cleaners—is being sold on credit.

But it is on the houses to contain all that unpaid-for equipment and garage those unpaid-for cars that the biggest debt of all is piling up.

Whole new towns are springing up in the U.S. And all the houses in them are being bought by instalments.

So far there has been little trouble. Defaults are officially reckoned at under one percent of credit sales.

But the hire-purchase debt is increasing alarmingly. It is outpacing the rise in the income of American families. Only a slight setback in trade would be needed to cause trouble in millions of American homes.

And the ties between America and Europe are so close that these troubles would soon ripple across the Atlantic.

The edge would quickly be rubbed off Britain's prosperity. Difficulties in our overseas markets could soon put an end to over-full employment.

What are the chances of such a setback developing in the U.S.?

If you look at Wall Street you will get the impression that the chances are nil. For, as the small American speculator flocks in to buy, Wall Street stocks hit a new peak day by day.

But overmuch attention should not be paid to that.

The lesson of history, as the economists are beginning to discover again, is that no boom goes on for ever, just as no tree ever grows to the sky.

## Biggest Risk

IF an economy becomes over-extended a correction is certain to come along sooner or later.

And the biggest risk to the overblown American economy lies in its excessive stocks of food and other farm products.

These stocks, accumulated under the fixed price support policy of the Truman Administration and still piling up as the result of bountiful harvests, are worth today close on £3,000 million.

Just what to do with them is the headache currently confronting Mr Ezra Taft Benson, President Eisenhower's Secretary of Agriculture.

## WHY THEY PRINTED 135,000 COPIES

By NANCY SPAIN

IT is worth coming home from holiday if only for H.M.S. ULYSSES (Collins, 12s. 6d.), a first novel destined to be talked over, argued over, and discussed right through this winter.

Why? Well, for a start the publishers have printed 135,000 copies—an unheard of thing for a first novel. And will they sell them? I think they will.

For this is a book more cruel than "The Cruel Sea," more mousty than "The Colne Mudlark"—but not really as good as either.

It announces the discovery of a new young writer, a Scottish schoolteacher called Alastair MacLean, who once served in the Royal Navy and has put together his tremendous chronicle with the help of his brother, a captain in the Merchant Service. And all the reading world loves the discovery of a new writer. He stands to make at least £250,000 out of this edition alone. (Film rights are reported to have topped £100,000.)

Normal print for a first novel, £200. Normal print for a book society edition, £100.

But above all this book contains one of the most shattering attacks on the Admiralty ever written.

Ulysses, a light cruiser, is the heroine of the book. The heroes are her exhausted, frost-bitten, mildly mutinous crew. The villain, named Starr, is Assistant Director of Naval Operations, a Whitehall warrior who orders them out on their mission, to take a convoy through to Mikmans on the Russia Run. In spite of Surgeon Commander Brooke's defence of men already pushed well beyond their limits with cold, lack of food, and sleep, and tension, Starr won't listen. The convoy must go through.

The captain has tuberculosis. The admiral, whose entire responsibility the convoy is goes mad. No one can blame him.

An inefficient officer (with relatives in high places) tries to murder a rating who could give evidence against him at a court martial. The same rating, when a tanker catches fire and endangers the whole convoy, is asked to sink the tanker. And the captain of the tanker turns out to be his own father.

Two courses lie open to him:

1 To earn the goodwill of the powerful farm bloc he can continue to support prices. This will mean still bigger surpluses and still bigger bills for storage. Already the cost of storing the present surplus is running at a million dollars a day.

OR,

2 He can seek to get rid of the surpluses by "give-aways" and cut-price sales. But this involves the risk of grave disturbance to world commodity markets, a disturbance which could entail a catastrophic drop in the buying power of farmers the world over.

In bulging warehouses moth-balled ships, factories, empty theatres, oil tanks—in fact, in anything that will hold together—the U.S. now contemplates this mountain of farm produce.

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But he has made no impression on the two most vital commodities, the pile of wheat and cotton grows and grows.

How is America to get rid of them in a world already glutted with wheat and cotton?

## Warning Voices

IT is there that the risk to the boom lies. It is there that a train of events could be started which would bring unemployment to Britain.

Already warning voices are being raised.

CANADA accuses the U.S. of disrupting her wheat markets. NEW ZEALAND complains of a "serious threat" to her trade. AUSTRALIA says that if American wheat dumping brings a fall in her own sales she will be forced to cut her overseas purchases—including purchases from Britain.

The signs are that the food surpluses, plus the top-heavy hire-purchase debt, will start to take the gloss off the American boom this year.

The recession may be sharp. It is certain to affect Britain—though that is not to say I see disaster ahead. American and ourselves have learned a lot since 1929. The setback is not likely to degenerate into a real old-fashioned bust.

One thing is certain. Everyone can see that sometime there must be an agonising reappraisal in the United States.

## I'm for the cha-cha with Glynis Johns

by LOGAN GOURLAY

London. It was nearly four a.m. in Princess Margaret's favourite night-club. But the band was still playing and Glynis Johns was giving me a lesson on the more intricate steps of the mambo.

"It's that half-beat that's important," she whispered into my left ear in that voice of hers which can compete with ensembles. Miss Johns is an expert on the mambo and other Latin-American rhythms. She studied them when she visited one of those South American film festivals, and she has had a few lessons. I think, from Rosano Brazzi, who plays her Latin lover in her new film "Loser Takes All," and who is an expert on many subjects. She has promised to give me some more lessons in the near future. Under her inspiring tuition I may ever graduate to cha-cha in 1956.

Earlier, over dinner, she told me she would like to use her dancing talents in musical comedy.

## She's Singing

She might even try a little singing, as she did in her last mermaid film, "Mad About Men," though she would never hope to rival Alma Cogan.

"As a singer," she said, "I sound like an anaemic frog."

I disagreed. Frog, yes. But full-blooded.

I asked about her experiences filming "Loser Takes All," with Mr Brazzi, and, as though on cue, Mr Graham Greene, who wrote the story, entered.

He stopped at our table and said: "I saw a rough-cut of your film this afternoon."

"Not my film. Yours," said Miss Johns diplomatically.

"I thought it was very good," said Mr Greene.

"Do you think I really meant that?" asked Miss Johns after he left.

I voted for Mr Greene's sincerity.

It is not a quality, I gathered, that she does to excess in the

Brazzi as her leading man—Mr Brazzi, who looks like emerging, as the great screen lover 1956.

"He's a typical Italian, I suppose. It's difficult for a woman to know whether to believe him or not—especially when he's talking about love. When he's doing a love scene before the camera, he makes you feel that he believes in it passionately, and that you're the only woman in the world."

"But the moment it's over he can switch suddenly and talk about a completely unromantic subject."

"Still I must say it's been very exciting working with him."

Hesitantly I inquired about the man in Miss Johns's private life, her husband, Mr David Foster.

**Trial Separation**

She married Mr Foster, who is an executive of a leading soap company, in 1952, saying: "This marriage will last." But two months ago it was announced that she had left Mr Foster for a trial separation.

"I'd rather not say very much about it."

I said she would be perfectly justified in telling me to mind my own business. She told me instead:

"All I can say is that the trial separation is still going on. I hope we can work things out in the best way for each other's happiness. I still love my husband."

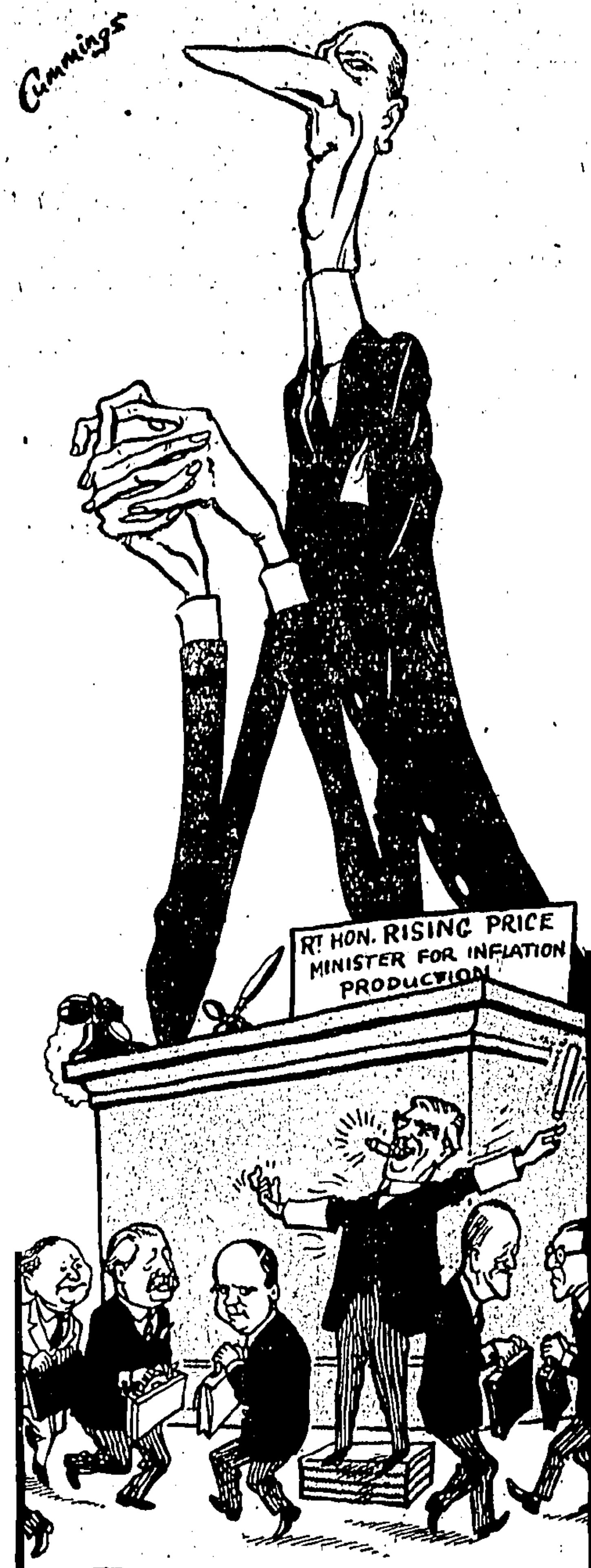
It may, or may not, be significant that she still uses her husband's brand of soap.

As Britain's leading lady of the screen 32-year-old Miss Johns has had other problems apart from the marital one. Particularly the problem of paying back income tax on her earnings—about £10,000 a picture.

"Thanks heavens I've almost paid all my tax debts now. I may even be able to afford to do a play next year."

She has been helped in coping with her problems by what she called "The Works."

"The Works"? I asked. "No. Just 'The Work.' Sounds off-putting. I know. But it's given me a new understanding



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## NEW DEFINITION OF A NOVICE ATHLETE ADOPTED BY HKAAA

By "RECORDER"

The Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association at its monthly meeting at the Education Department yesterday unanimously voted a new definition of a "novice" athlete eligible to participate in the HKAAA Novices' Championships to be held at Caroline Hill Stadium on Sunday, January 29.

The meeting also decided that there seemed to be no further point in planning to send any Hongkong athlete to Melbourne as, while there were one or two local athletes who might have been worth sending, it was improbable that they would reach the standard required. This does not mean that all plans to send an athlete to Melbourne are finally abandoned, but it is most unlikely that anyone will be sent.

The meeting appointed Mr. G. B. Guttridge as its representative at the Melbourne meeting in November of this year on the Inter-Club and Amateur Athletic Federation in the course of the Olympic Games. The HKAAA has been similarly represented at the Helsinki Olympic Games by Capt. Lambo of the Midland Air Force.

### RESPONSE WANTED

The meeting also decided to take part in the Hongkong Novices' Championships to be held at Caroline Hill Stadium on Sunday, January 29. The Novices' Championships are generally run at a level to the Association's funds and it is hoped that athletes will respond to this by entering the Novices' Championships rather than merely making an appearance at the meeting.

Under the new rules governing eligibility to compete as a novice an athlete who has won a major prize in the 800 Metres only is still eligible to compete in the 400, 1,500 Metres and it is hoped that there will be a response to this by athletes who will take advantage of this fact by competing in their "secondary" events and making the meeting a complete success.

The Executive Committee decided yesterday to contact the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation and the Malaysian Amateur Athletic Association regarding the possibility of entering Hongkong athletes in the PAAF or MAAA Championships in March and August this year respectively.

The committee is asked to "cut a fund" among their members to make Hongkong participation at the two meetings possible. As far as is known, both the PAAF and MAAA Championships are open to foreign entries. If sufficient funds are available by March, one or more Hongkong athletes would be sent to Manila.

It was agreed in principle that preference would be given to athletes for the PAAF Championships and to Services athletes for the MAAA Championships.

Major A.C.A. Walker was delegated to contact the Malaysian A.A.A. regarding the HKAAA's plans in this respect and Mr. V.Y. Koltehoff to contact the PAAF.

The HKAAA Novices' Championships will be held on Sunday, January 29, at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill and not at the new Hongkong (Government) Stadium as originally planned.

The Chairman of the HKAAA, Mr. Raleigh S. M. Leung, who is also the HKAAA representative on the Stadium Committee, said that facilities for athletic competition at the new Stadium were still incomplete.

**DEFINITION OF NOVICE**  
The proposal, as carried by the meeting, on the new definition of "novice" as far as eligibility to compete in the HKAAA Novices' Championships is concerned, reads:

"Eligibility for participation in the HKAAA Annual Novices' Championships will be governed by the following rules:  
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The committee is asked to "cut a fund" among their members to make Hongkong participation at the two meetings possible. As far as is known, both the PAAF and MAAA Championships are open to foreign entries. If sufficient funds are available by March, one or more Hongkong athletes would be sent to Manila.

It was agreed in principle that preference would be given to athletes for the PAAF Championships and to Services athletes for the MAAA Championships.

Major A.C.A. Walker was delegated to contact the Malaysian A.A.A. regarding the HKAAA's plans in this respect and Mr. V.Y. Koltehoff to contact the PAAF.

The HKAAA Novices' Championships will be held on Sunday, January 29, at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill and not at the new Hongkong (Government) Stadium as originally planned.

The Chairman of the HKAAA, Mr. Raleigh S. M. Leung, who is also the HKAAA representative on the Stadium Committee, said that facilities for athletic competition at the new Stadium were still incomplete.

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Major Walker took particular objection to a statement that the course was haphazardly mapped out with no regard to dangers of accident, to the participants.

Mr. M.A.A. R. H. Page, one of the Royal Navy's representatives on the Executive Committee and the winner of the Colony Cross Country Championship, concurred with Major Walker in the statement that there were dangers of accident, to the participants.

The meeting approved an application from Mr. M. B. S. Tulloh, of the Army A.A. and H.K.A.A.C., requesting permission to compete in Japan toward the end of the month.

The Executive Committee also approved an application from Mr. M.A.A. R. H. Page of the Royal Naval Athletic Club to make an attempt on the British 30 Miles track record at present held by J. McKelvey of South Africa. The attempt will be made in the course of a three-hour race at Caroline Hill toward the end of January or the beginning of February.

**United Front By International Boxing Guild**  
The International Boxing Guild of New York voted unanimously to support the New York State Athletic Commission's ban on the organization. This vote followed by a few hours the Commission Chairman's tirade criticism of the Maryland Athletic Commission for its welcoming of refugees from the New York State ban.

In tonight's vote at Guild headquarters, 53 members were present and 12 telephoned in their votes. The acting President, Gus Danato, manager of Heuserweight contender Floyd Patterson, announced that the vote was unanimous.

Charley Johnston, President of the parent organization, the International Boxing Guild, said: "It was unanimous. It was 100 per cent."

The Guild's vote means that no member will resign from the organization or sign affidavits that he is no longer a member when the Commission's ban goes into effect on January 16.

Mr. Johnston said the decision had received the full support and co-operation of six other guild chapters extending from coast to coast.

As an aftermath of this vote, all television bouts and other important fights may be shifted to cities in other States until either the Guild or the Commission gives in.—United Press.

**Winter Olympics**  
Moscow, Jan. 6. Russia's team for the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina d'Ampezzo later this month will include Vladimir Kuzin, 1954 World 30 and 50 kilometres skiing champion, and Boris Shilov, the 1954 speed-skating champion, and fastest man in the world over 5,000 metres. This was announced here today by the newspaper, Soviet Sport.—China Mail Special.

## Thai Badminton Team Coming Here For Exhibition Matches

For three nights — January 16, 17 and 19 — Hongkong badminton fans will have another opportunity of watching in South East Asia some of the finest exponents of the game in action when a team of six players — four men and two women — from Thailand play exhibition matches in the Colony.

This was announced at the Fifth Executive Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association held at Marina House yesterday with Dr the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues in the Chair.

The meeting disclosed that a contingent of 14 Thai officials and players of the Thailand Unity Badminton Party will arrive in Hongkong on January 13 and will play three matches against the Colony's best.

Thailand, beaten 6-3 by India in the Asian Zone in this year's Thomas Cup badminton series,

are planning to improve their standard, and so have organised overseas tours from time to time.

Their last overseas tour was on November 1, 1954 when they played exhibition matches in aid of the Poppy Day Fund at the Singapore Badminton Stadium.

In that exhibition, Thailand for the first time brought to light their badminton prowess when their reigning champions, Direk Khachadabhai and Miss Pratheep Pattapong caused quite a stir in Singapore badminton circles by holding Wong Peng-soon, ex-World Champion now turned professional, and Miss Helen Heng, Singapore's leading woman Champion, in a hard fought two set match.

Khachadabhai lost to Wong Peng-soon 15-2, 15-3 in less than 20 minutes and Miss Pratheep Pattapong drew with Helen Heng 2-1, 1-2.

**PROMINENT FIGURE**  
Leading the Thai team to Hongkong will be Mr. Hwang Yong-lim, a leading Bangkok sports official who is a prominent figure in Thai badminton. Mr. Hwang is an Executive Committee member of the Badminton Association of Thailand and President of the United Badminton team touring Hongkong.

The three nights of exhibition matches in the Colony comprise one Men's Singles, one Men's Doubles, one Mixed Doubles, one Ladies' Singles and one Ladies' Doubles.

The Colony representatives for these exhibition matches are now practising hard at the CCC and the Jewish Recreation Club under the guidance of Mr. Robert Tay (women) and Mr. R. M. Soares (men).

Training will continue until the Thai team arrives in Hongkong on January 13.

**MATCHES AT CCC**  
The Badminton Association of Hongkong have arranged that two of the three exhibition matches be played at the Cranleigh Cricket Club on January 10 and 17 and the last at the St. Teresa's court. All matches will be best of three sets.

Dr. Rodrigues, President of the Hongkong Badminton Association, disclosed at the meeting last night that the Japanese

Asian Games organising committee has asked the Hongkong Badminton Association to support their move to include badminton in the 1958 Asian Games to be held in Tokyo.

To this proposal, Dr. Rodrigues and the committee members agreed in principle, that the Colony would support Japan's move to have badminton included. The Hongkong Badminton Association will write officially to Japan on this subject.

Another matter discussed at the meeting was that the Hongkong BA will write to Wong Peng-soon congratulating him on his New Year Honours award by Her Majesty the Queen. Wong was made an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The players are:  
Sunthorn Suphaphun 34, (Playing Captain) who represented Thailand in last year's Thomas Cup at first doubles. He won the Thailand Open Doubles title in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955. Suphaphun also won the Thailand Open Mixed title in 1955.

Kamol Suvantit 22, is essentially a doubles player. Partnering Sunthorn Suphaphun, he won the Thailand Doubles title in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955. He was runner-up in the Mixed Doubles in 1955 and in 1954 won the Burma Open Doubles title.

Direk Khachadabhai 18, a singles player of international class met Malaysia's Wong Peng-soon in November 1954, in exhibition matches at Singapore. Khachadabhai won the Burma Open Singles title in 1954, and was Thailand singles Champion in 1953 and runner-up in 1952, 1954 and 1955.

Charoen Sae Tai 18, is Thailand's most promising player but lacks international experience.

Mrs. Rumphal Alobol 32, essentially a doubles player has two national titles to her credit — Thailand Doubles Champion from 1954 to 1955.

Miss Pratheep Pattapong 19, is the first Thai player to have met Singapore's Miss Helen Heng in November 1954. Pratheep is known for her forceful smash and she participated in the C.C.I. Championship at Bombay. She was Thailand Singles Champion from 1952-1954. She also won the Thailand Doubles title in 1952, 1954 and 1955.

## EXHIBITIONS TOMORROW

### JAPANESE TENNIS STARS ARRIVE

Two Japanese tennis stars, Miss Sachiko Kamo and her brother, Kosei Kamo, arrived here from Calcutta via Bangkok by BOAC yesterday for a series of games against local tennis talent.

They are en route home after participating in the Indian Tennis Championship played in New Delhi and the Asian Championship played in Calcutta.

Speaking to the Press at the airport, Kosei Kamo said he was eliminated in the semi-finals of the Indian championship, when he lost to an Australian, Jack Arndtall, who played inspired tennis. In the Asian championship, he lost in the third round.

In his opinion, he considered Indian players very strong both in defence and attack, adding that two players, R. Krishnan and N. Kumar were the best and that their playing standard was very high.

Speaking about his sister, Kamo said that she reached the finals in both championships but lost to an American, Miss Althea Gibson, who captured both titles.

After their championship games, the Japanese Davis Cupper and co-holder of the 1954 U.S. National Tennis Doubles crown said he gave exhibition games in Lucknow where he beat a Swede but lost to a player from Denmark.

Tomorrow the Japanese players will be seen in action in two singles and a mixed doubles games.

**Soccer League Standings**  
The following are the league soccer standings up to and including January 1.

**First Division**

South China 17 14 1 2 29 21 26  
Eastern 10 13 0 2 21 25 26  
K.M.B. 14 9 2 3 26 20 26  
Sing Tao 14 9 2 3 26 20 26  
Jardines 13 8 2 3 24 23 18  
C.A.A. 12 8 2 3 24 23 18  
Army 10 6 2 3 23 35 14  
R.A.F. 14 6 1 8 33 38 11  
Navy 17 1 1 15 27 44 4  
St. Joseph's 13 0 0 6 28 60 10  
Kwong Wah 13 3 2 3 30 41 8  
Police 17 1 1 15 27 44 4  
Club 14 0 1 13 18 74 1

**Second Division**

K.M.B. 10 12 1 7 50 14 27  
South China 17 12 2 3 50 87 20  
Sing Tao 14 10 4 0 40 11 24  
Jardines 10 10 4 2 38 10 14  
Sing Tao 15 7 4 4 39 17 18  
C.A.A. 10 6 0 4 38 34 17  
Tukoo 12 8 3 1 27 21 12  
Army 14 6 2 6 40 33 14  
R.A.F. 10 3 4 2 26 40 10  
Police 16 7 4 10 28 68 10  
Tung Wah 15 1 0 10 39 7  
St. Joseph's 15 2 1 12 16 68 0  
Club 14 0 1 13 18 74 1

**Third Division**

R.A.M.C. 11 8 3 0 45 16 19  
Police 11 7 2 2 35 17 10  
Prisons 11 7 2 2 35 17 10  
K.M.B. 11 6 3 2 30 14 17  
Tung Wah 10 5 3 2 24 10 12  
Gymnastics 10 4 3 3 23 21 11  
R.E.M.E. 12 4 3 5 33 28 11  
Caledonia 12 3 4 5 33 28 11  
Little Satwain 12 3 4 5 33 28 11  
Tramways 11 3 4 4 24 10 10  
Kin Chow 10 4 0 17 26 6  
Telephones 12 2 3 7 21 48 7  
Dairy Farm 11 0 0 11 8 48 0

**Fourth Division**

B. & S. 12 9 3 0 60 23 21  
Road Works 10 8 2 0 40 11 10  
R.L.C. 11 7 2 2 35 17 10  
Caroline Hill 11 7 2 2 35 17 10  
H.K. Aircraft 11 7 1 3 34 21 10  
Tung Wah 11 4 1 10 24 0 8  
Watsons 9 3 2 4 10 8 8  
Kin Chow 10 4 0 17 26 6  
University 10 3 0 7 21 30 10  
Doddwell 10 1 0 9 9 40 2  
Bedford 16 1 0 5 17 42 3  
Lane Crawford 9 0 1 8 6 31 1

**Final Decisions On All-German Olympic Team**  
Leaders of the East and West German National Olympic Committees will meet at Garmisch, Bavaria, on Saturday, the East German News Agency ADN said today.

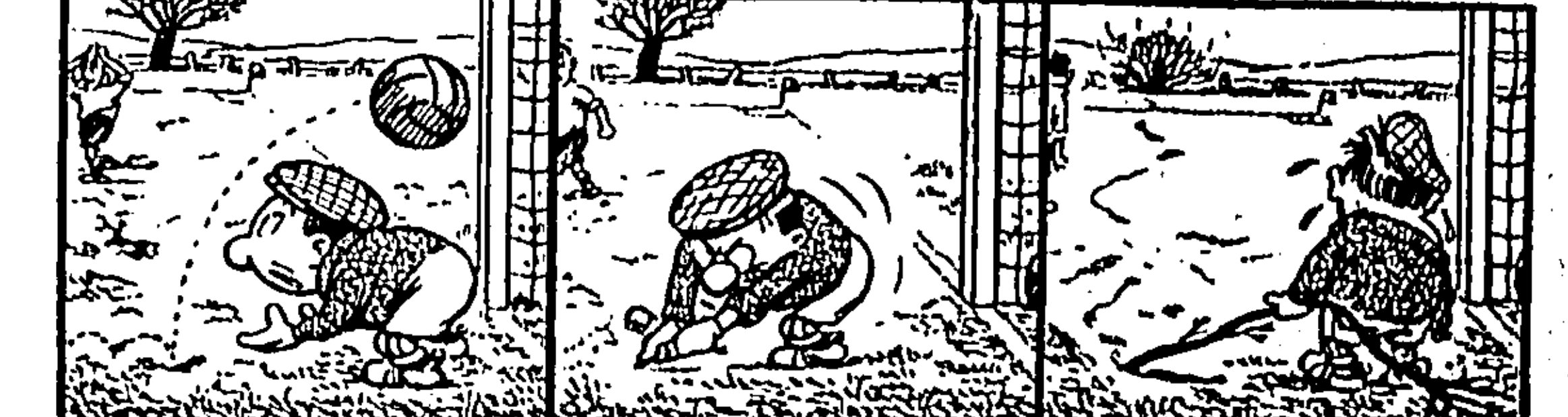
They will take final decisions about the formation of an All-German team for the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina d'Ampezzo later this month.

At a meeting in East Berlin last November the committee leaders, headed by Dr. Karl Ritter von Holt for West Germany, and Heinz Schoebel for East Germany, agreed in principle to set up a 60-strong All-German team of skiers, ice hockey players, bob sleighers and skaters.—Router.

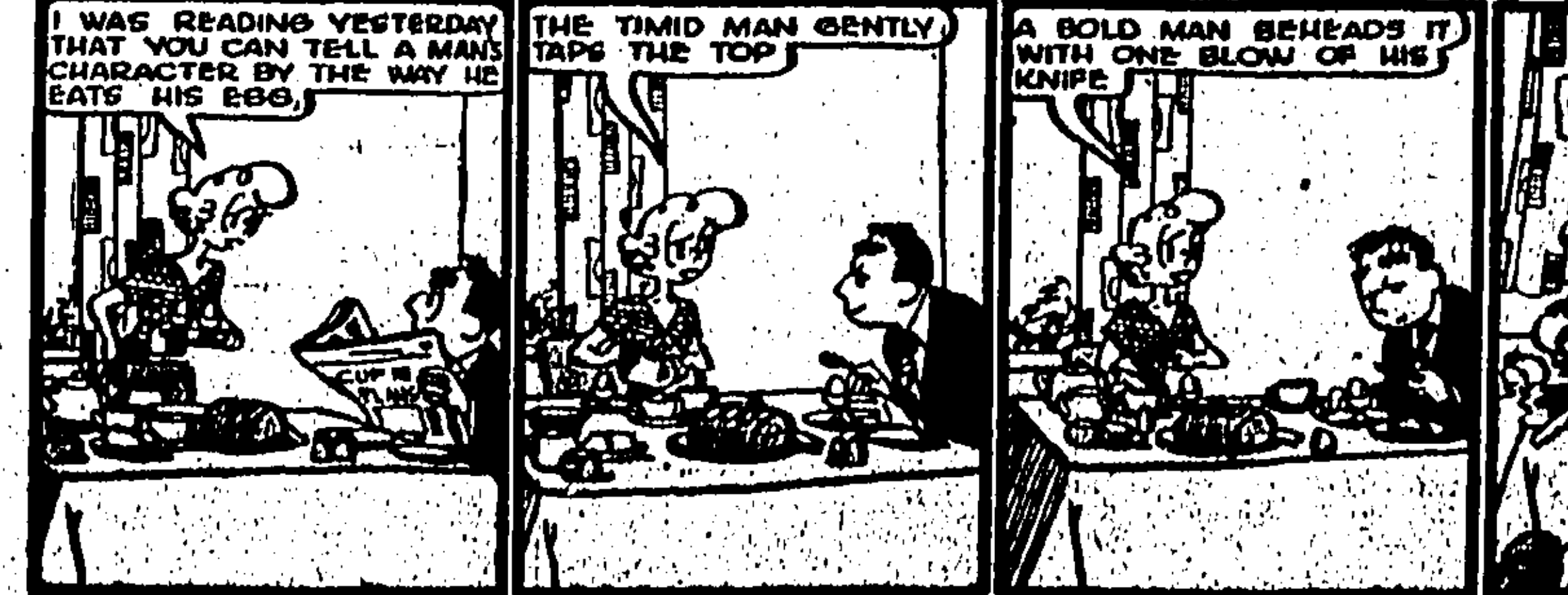
**Argentina To Raise Funds For Olympic Games**  
Buenos Aires, Jan. 5. The Argentine Olympic Committee will launch a public campaign to raise funds needed for Argentine participation in the Melbourne Olympic Games, it was learned today.

The decision was taken at a special meeting held by the Argentine Olympic Committee, which will also ask government approval of additional taxes on professional sports with the same purpose.—United Press.

## SPORTING SAM By Reg. Wootton



## THE GAMBOLS By Barry Appleby





# IAAF RATIFIES 1955 CROP OF WORLD RECORDS

London, Jan. 5.  
Sándor Iharos, the Hungarian runner, has six performances between Two Miles and 5,000 Metres in the latest list of world records accepted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The list, issued today, includes his Three Miles in 13 mins. 14.2 seconds at Budapest last October.

Three runners share the record of 3 mins. 40.8 seconds for 1,500 metres. Iharos heads the list, his time at Helsinki in July being equalled later by fellow Hungarian László Tabari and Gunnar Nilsson (Denmark), who were credited with the same time in a race at Oslo in September.

Iharos' other times listed: 5,000 metres—13 mins. 40.6 seconds in Budapest last October; 2 miles—8 mins. 33.4 seconds in London last May; and 3,000 metres—7 mins. 55.6 seconds in Budapest also in May.

## WOMEN'S PENTATHLON

A four-year-old performance by Mrs. Katty Blankers-Koen, the brilliant Dutch athlete, is included among four new records for the Women's Pentathlon. Her total of 4,692 points set up in September, 1951 has been recognised, but has since been beaten three times—twice by Alexandra Chudina, present holder with 4,700 points.

New world records ratified are:

**Men's Events**  
100 yards in 9.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
200 yards in 19.1 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
400 yards in 1.01.47.5 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
800 yards in 2.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
1,600 yards in 4.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
3,200 yards in 8.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
5,000 yards in 13.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
10,000 yards in 26.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
20,000 yards in 52.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
40,000 yards in 1.04.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
80,000 yards in 2.08.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
160,000 yards in 4.16.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
320,000 yards in 9.32.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
640,000 yards in 18.64.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
1,280,000 yards in 37.28.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
2,560,000 yards in 74.56.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
5,120,000 yards in 149.12.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
10,240,000 yards in 298.24.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
20,480,000 yards in 596.48.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
40,960,000 yards in 1.19.36.48.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
81,920,000 yards in 3.58.72.96.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
163,840,000 yards in 7.17.44.92.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
327,680,000 yards in 14.35.29.84.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
655,360,000 yards in 28.70.59.68.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
1,310,720,000 yards in 57.41.59.36.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
2,621,440,000 yards in 1.14.83.58.72.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
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10,485,760,000 yards in 4.58.55.54.88.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
20,971,520,000 yards in 9.17.51.49.76.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
41,943,040,000 yards in 18.35.42.99.52.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
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335,544,320,000 yards in 1.46.85.43.96.16.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
671,088,640,000 yards in 3.33.30.87.92.32.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
1,342,177,280,000 yards in 6.66.61.75.84.64.01.26.3 seconds by J. G. Collier (U.S.) 14.5.1955, in London.  
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## Black Market In Medical Treatment In Estonia

By THOMAS HARRIS

Stockholm, Jan. 5.  
Doctors in Tallinn, capital of Soviet Estonia, are running a "black market" in medical treatment, according to reports brought by travellers reaching here from the little Baltic republic.

Their patients, the travellers say, are well to do people anxious to escape the austerity of the state-run hospitals and clinics. They prefer to sneak into the doctor's surgery by a backdoor and pay an inflated fee to enduring the rough and ready treatment given in the state establishments.

This trade in the "bedside manner" must be carried on secretly since most doctors, playing it as not authorized to practise privately. Private practice permits are, actually, obtainable, but only in small numbers and after a long and complicated process.

The private practitioners are chary of accepting new patients lest they should include informers who would betray them to the authorities. New patients are, therefore, generally introduced by existing patients.

### Small Fees

As the invalids, particularly diabetics, asthmatics and others requiring regular treatment, are eager to find a private doctor, the clandestine practitioner always has more patients than he can handle.

The private doctors can, therefore, afford to charge relatively small fees. They range from 25 roubles to 50 roubles a visit. This is not outrageous, only more than the five to ten roubles a visit charged by those polyclinics authorized to take fees.

On the other hand, it places regular or prolonged private treatment out of the reach of manual workers, whose wages average 800 roubles a month. These go to the free-charging polyclinics if they are seriously ill and to the free polyclinics and hospitals if they are suffering from some simple ailment.

Dentists also have clandestine private practices. They charge 25 roubles for filling a tooth. The same operation at a free-charging polyclinic costs 10 roubles.

The free hospitals and clinics have a bad name because they are short of doctors, medicines and modern equipment.

### Bureaucratic

Doctors in the free establishments are expected to handle six to ten patients an hour. To complete their rounds, they have to see many more than that.

As a result, they make their diagnoses by the hand and eye rather than by X-ray, blood analysis and other lengthy methods.

Diagnosis, and treatment, by apparatus is further complicated by the bureaucratic methods imposed on the hospitals by the central authorities.

Every time a doctor sends a patient for an X-ray or a blood test or other special examination he must himself fill in a form. The doctor giving the test must fill in his own form and the patient must take with him a chit which both doctors must sign.

Because doctors are too few and patients too numerous, many hospital superintendents assign important treatment, including minor surgical operations, to senior medical students. For this reason, patients always try to ascertain the name of their surgeon before agreeing to undergo an operation.

### Drug Shortage

Older, type medicines like cod liver oil, quinine and bromides are plentiful.

There is, however, a great shortage of the newer drugs like aureomycin. This and other "wonder drugs" can always be obtained through private practitioners and this is another reason for their growing popularity.

Traffic casualties and other injured persons have special difficulties.

Sometimes they have to wait unduly long for an ambulance because there is a shortage of them.

Once in hospital, they must stay there until fit for discharge since the centralized bureaucratic system makes transfers from a

## Revolutionary Titanium Processing

London, Jan. 5.  
A major step forward in processing titanium for jet engines, which it is claimed will revolutionize production of super-sonic engines, was announced today by Sir Roy Dobson, Chairman of the Hawker Siddeley engineering group.

"We believe we have made a development of the greatest significance," he said. The process has been developed by Canadian Steel Improvement, a member of the Avro Canada group of companies, of which Sir Roy is founder and chairman.

Sir Roy said today: "We have developed a process which eliminated much of the difficulty in forging titanium, resulting in a substantial reduction in cost."

"We can forge finished precision jet turbine blades as cheaply as rough forging, thus eliminating a costly process."

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Similarly, the wave of venereal disease which swept the country during and after the war has been fought back.

### Widespread

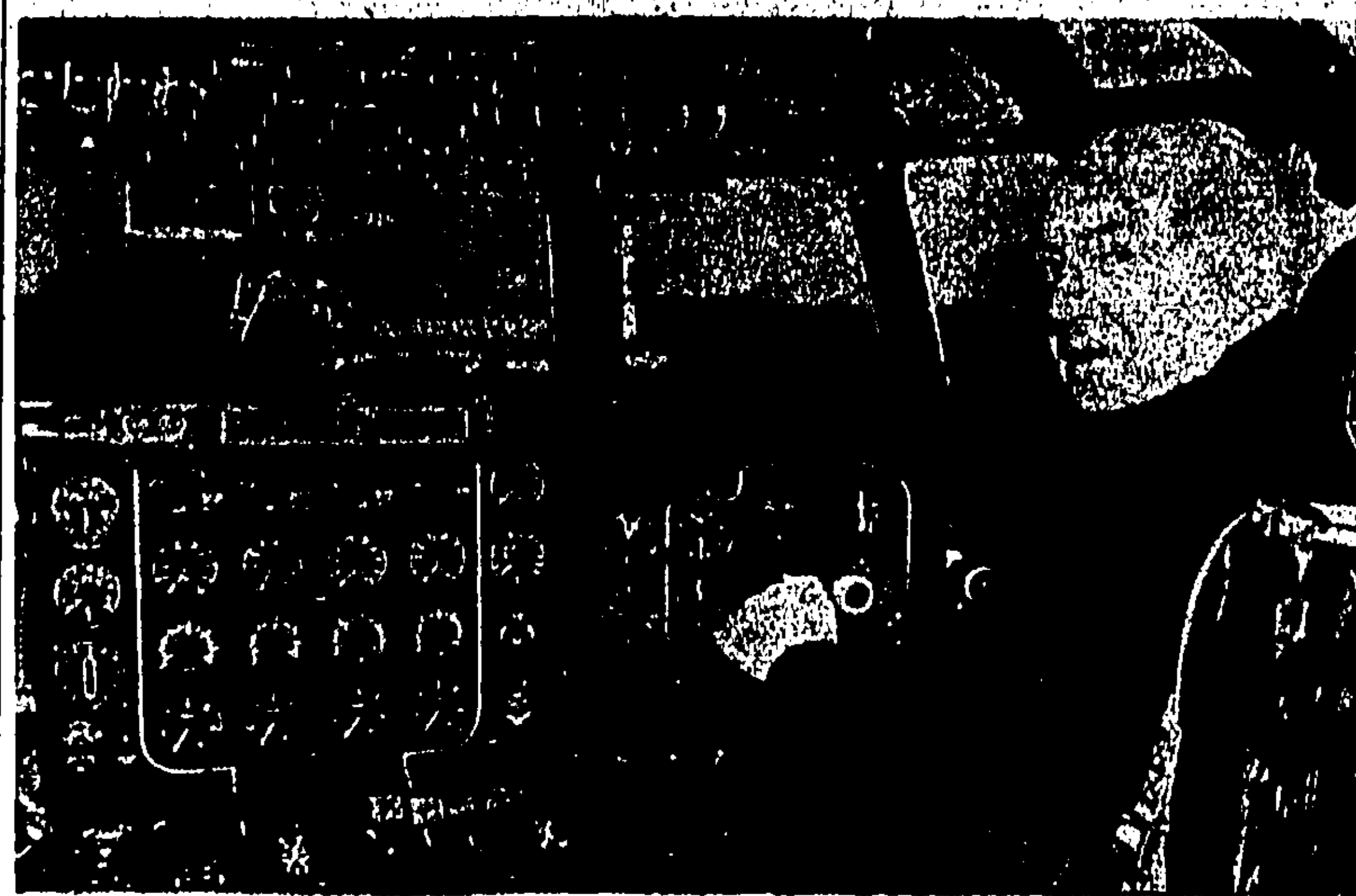
Today, the most widespread diseases are rheumatism, heart diseases and "stress" complaints like asthma, stomach ulcers and high blood pressure.

The most usual grouse of the man or woman feeling of colour is, "I have a splitting headache."

Headache powders, these informants say, are the most sold medicines in Estonia nowadays.

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## BOAC RECEIVES FIRST TURBO-PROP AIRCRAFT



## Danes Alerted For Rat Invasions

Copenhagen, Jan. 5.  
Danish scientists are preparing to combat a threatened invasion of musk-rats from Germany.

The musk-rats have been spreading northwards along the west coast of South Slavia towards the Danish border. It is feared that they might do serious damage to sea defences by burrowing under dykes.

The agricultural research station at St. Jyndeved near the German border has alerted the local population to be ready to fight the rat invasion with poison.—China Mail Special.

## Pigeon Post

Beirut, Jan. 5.  
A carrier pigeon of the Israeli intelligence service, bearing top-secret messages, has been captured by the Mayor of Haifa, southern Lebanon, it was disclosed here today.

The message, written in Arabic, related to the movement of Syrian troops. It was fitted into a tiny plastic container fitted to the bird's claw.

Arab military authorities have begun investigations to see whether Israel has a whole network of carrier pigeons working over the Arab countries.—France-Press.

## South Africa Prepares For Historic Session Of Parliament

Capetown, Jan. 5.  
A new and historic session of the South African Parliament is due to open on January 13 when the enlarged Senate will be asked for the first time to enact long-standing controversial constitutional changes.

The new Senate with its membership raised from 48 to 89 since the last session, guarantees the Nationalists (Government party) the two-thirds majority in joint sittings of both Houses of Parliament required to win their five-year battle for the removal of coloured voters of mixed blood from the white electoral rolls.

It will also help the Government in its avowed plan to make Parliament "sovereign," that is, to put its laws affecting the Constitution above any tests in the courts.

South Africa's United Party Opposition, representing with other anti-Government parties little more than half the white electorate, has condemned the new Senate and its purpose of a "House of Frauds" and the road to a "One-Party State."

Government spokesmen express regret that they were forced into the Senate device by the Opposition's refusal to co-operate in carrying out the "will of the people" on the coloured voters issue—a "will" reflected in the votes cast for the Nationalists in postwar elections.

Priority is expected to be given by the Nationalist Government in the coming session to clearing up the political conflict over the coloured voters and Parliamentary "sovereignty."

Joint sittings of both Houses—the Assembly and the Senate—are likely for this purpose early in the session, before Parliament settles down to its routine work.

The present situation arises from a 1951 Act to transfer the Coloured voters to a separate electoral list for communal representation. In Parliament, being rejected by the South African Appeal Court because

## Repeated Failures

Parliament itself was then turned into a "High Court," by another Act designed to override the Appeal Court decision. But this Act, too, was invalidated by the Appeal Court.

Repeated failures to find a two-thirds majority, with the help of the Opposition finally resulted in the Nationalist Government passing the Senate Act in the last session. This Act almost doubled the Upper House and created a 77 to 12 voting advantage there.

Reintroduction of the original 1951 Separate Representation of Voters Act could now have almost automatic success. If it does, the traditional right to vote with whites, enjoyed by Coloured people of mixed race since the early days of settlement in South Africa's southern Cape Province, will be lost.

Attacks Predicted

Opposition quarters, however, are almost more concerned with the new law-making machinery which the Government has given itself than with the fate of the Coloured voters.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Jacobus Strauss, has predicted further attacks on the South African Constitution—the 1909 Westminster South Africa Act forming the Union of South Africa—by the Nationalist Government in the coming months.

Some of his supporters have speculated whether the Government may amend the clauses in the Constitution entrenching current voting rights and the equal rights of South Africa's two official languages, English and Afrikaans.

Others ask whether the inflated Senate, costing the country £130,000 a year in salaries, will be retained indefinitely or abolished in favour of one-chamber government.

"Psychological warfare" is being practised by both sides. The Government gives no clue in advance of its next moves.

The United Party Opposition, meanwhile, is considering challenging the Senate Act in the courts but is delaying any public decision at least until Parliament meets.

Push Ahead

The Opposition must wait until the traditional opening of Parliament by the Governor General, Sir Ernest Jansen, before their Members hear broadly what the Government's programme for the session may be. But the threat of legal action over the new Senate hangs over the Government.

Government leaders intend to push ahead with their legislative programme for the session regardless of Opposition activities. But chaos could result if, by chance, the Senate Act were to be invalidated by the Courts, nullifying every Act meanwhile approved by the enlarged Senate.

South Africa's minority Labour Party, which normally sides with the United Party Opposition against the Government, has announced that it will not take part in any joint sittings in the coming session as a form of protest.

This will make no difference to the outcome, any more than a boycott by the entire Opposition could affect the situation. The Constitution requires a majority of two-thirds of all members of the Assembly and Senate, not just two-thirds of those attending a joint sitting.

The 180-seat Assembly and the new 89-seat Senate make a total of 269, which 168 is two-thirds. Government supporters number 94 in the Assembly and 77 in the new Senate, giving them a majority of 171 votes—five more than the required two-thirds in both Houses.—China Mail Special.

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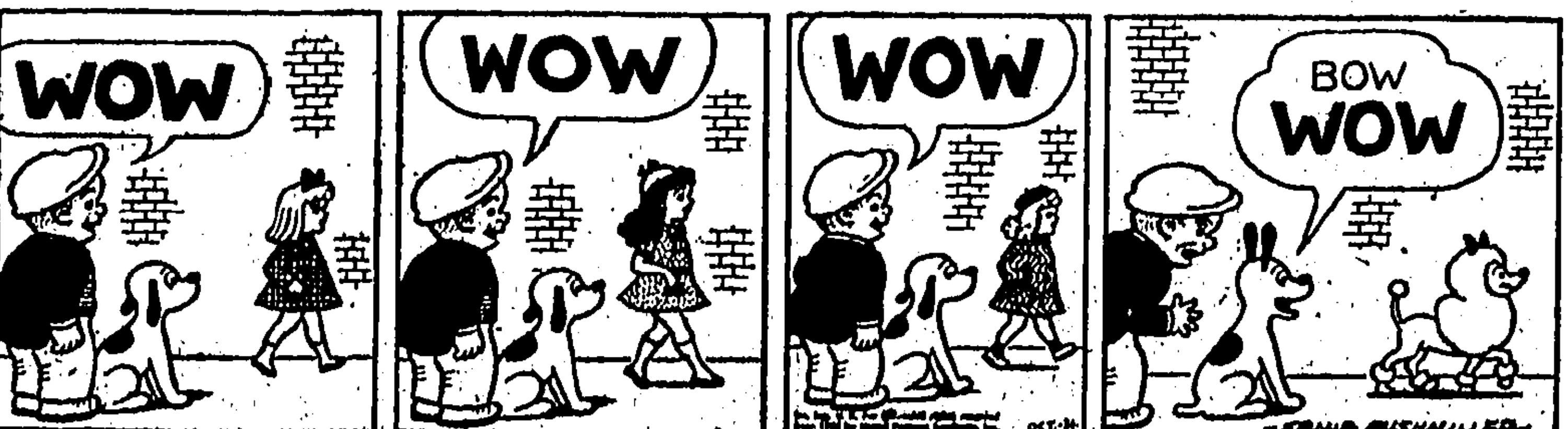
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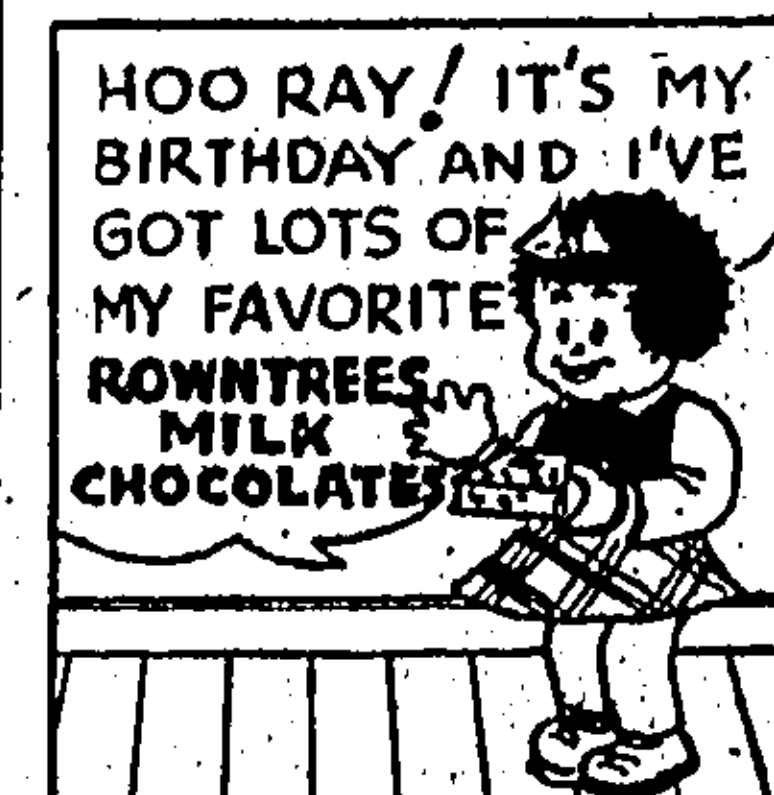
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